

## Final BULLETINS

### South Europe Hit By Heavy Bombers

ROME (AP)—Heavy bombers of the U.S. 15th Air Force struck today for the sixth consecutive day against strategic targets in Czechoslovakia, Austria and Germany.

### Envoy Presented

PARIS (AP)—Maj. Gen. Georges P. Vanier, Canadian ambassador to the French Provisional Government, today presented his credentials to Gen. de Gaulle at a brief ceremony at the office of the government head.

### Heavy Air Mail

OTTAWA (CP)—More than 18,000,000 air letters for the armed forces overseas have been flown from Canada during the past month, post office officials said this afternoon.

### Volcanoes Bombed

WASHINGTON (AP)—U.S. Liberator bombers striking Iwo Jima in the Volcano Islands, 750 miles south of Japan, started large fires at the enemy air strip there.

The navy reporting the Sunday raid this afternoon, said other bombers followed up on Monday, pounding enemy island with 100 tons of bombs.

### Kordas Split Up

HOLLYWOOD (AP)—Screen actress Marie Oberon announced today that her estrangement from Sir Alexander Korda, head of M-G-M film production in England, has become final and that she will bring suit for divorce. "Efforts for the past two years to work out separate lives and careers have failed," she said. "The parting is amicable."

### To Back Eisenhower

BRUSSELS (CP-Reuters)—The Belgian Resistance movement announced today it was prepared to go into action again to fight the German offensive in Belgium, and accept all tasks which might be entrusted to it by Gen. Eisenhower.

### Sforza Declines

ROME (CP-Reuters)—Count Sforza in a personal letter to Premier Bonomi today declined the post of Italian representative in the United States.

### 105 Lost Lives?

ATHENS (CP-Reuters)—It is feared 105 women political prisoners may have perished in the fire which broke out in the Ayios Pater prison in Athens when it was attacked by E.L.A.S. forces Monday night. The fire started after E.L.A.S. men had dynamited the walls of the prison.

### U.S. Wheat Estimate

WASHINGTON (AP)—Indicated production of winter wheat for harvest in 1945 in the U.S. is 761,591,000 bushels, based on crop conditions prevailing Dec. 1. The agriculture department estimated the acreage seeded to winter wheat at 49,533,000 acres, compared with 47,127,000 acres seeded a year ago and with 48,015,000 acres for the ten-year (1932-41) average.

### Charge U.S. Group

MOSCOW (AP)—Red Star charged today that "reactionary circles" in the United States were furnishing German plans to block organization of international security and to prepare a third world war.

"In the past few days the Hitlerites have pointed with unceasing pleasure at the activity of isolationist elements in the United States, who already have started agitation against participation of the United States in the world organization of international security," said the Red Army newspaper.

### Nursuries Workman Dies in Hospital After 8-Foot Fall

Taken home Tuesday morning after falling eight feet from a platform at A. J. Woodward & Sons Ltd. nurseries, 1599 Fairfield Road, Frank Whiting, 59, of 2133 Windsor Road, suffered hemorrhage later and died at Royal Jubilee Hospital.

Dr. E. C. Hart, coroner, announced today an inquest will be conducted at the Thomson Funeral Home at 11 Friday morning. Mr. Whiting appeared "uninjured in the fall before noon Tuesday morning. He was removed to hospital from his home late Tuesday afternoon.

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## Weather Forecast

Victoria and Vicinity—Light to moderate winds, fair and mild today and Thursday.

Tuesday's Temperatures—Min. 38; Max. 42. Rainfall: .05 inch. Temperature noon Wednesday, 44.

Victoria has over 600 hours more sunshine a year than other coast cities, less than half the rainfall.

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# NAZI COUNTEROFFENSIVE BLUNTED

## Clashes Continue in Athens While Settlement Lags



Armed members of the left wing E.L.A.S. take cover behind a building in Athens during an attack they made on police headquarters in the Greek capital. The E.L.A.S., here wearing German helmets, are using captured enemy and Allied arms.



While police keep firing, Athenian citizens sprawl on the pavement. Fighting, between British troops and government forces on one side, and the E.L.A.S. on the other, continued today even while the clashes were being debated in the House of Commons in London.

## Both Russia, U.S. Approved British Greece Move—Eden

LONDON (CP)—Both the United States and Russia approved Britain's decision to intervene in Greece, Foreign Secretary Eden declared today in the House of Commons as he stood up on Britain's intervention policy.

"As to the decision to go into Greece, I do not know what other decision we could have taken in the circumstances," he said. "We knew there were risks, but I still think the decision was right. Before we took that decision we did consult our United States allies. We did go there with their agreement. We did tell our decision also to our Soviet ally and they also approved that decision. There was no question of our having done this without having consulted our allies or by a movement of our own."

Mr. Eden also urged during a speech on the Greek situation quick re-establishment of face-to-face contact between the foreign ministers of the three great powers and said the only way Britain may have erred in Greece was in failing to take troops of the Allies into Greece along with her Tommies.

Opening the government's defence in the face of bitter Labor Liberal attacks on British policy in Greece, the Foreign Secretary denied implication that British policy was dictated by sphere-of-influence plans and said Britain was "seeking nothing for ourselves in Greece—neither strategic advantage nor economic or any other advantage of that kind at all."

"The government, I say quite frankly, did not foresee matters would turn out as they have done and in a fashion all of us deeply deplore," Mr. Eden added.

### Obliged to Take Action in Greece

"I do not know what other decision we could have taken, but to go into Greece," the Foreign Secretary said after government policy had been criticized by such members as Arthur Greenwood, leader of the Labor opposition; Sir Percy Harris, Liberal; and Aneurin Bevan, bitter Labor Party critic of Mr. Churchill. Mr. Bevan warned that if after the Christmas recess the Greek crisis was not solved and if the Labor Party "does not put a vote of censure on the government, some of us will . . . to make clear they are the policies of Tories alone and not of this House."

The Foreign Secretary made it clear the government was not withdrawing from its stand that intervention was necessary. Indeed, he said, "we could perhaps have been censured for not having intervened in Athens on behalf of law and order at an earlier date."

Mr. Greenwood had said there was great perturbation among Britons and their Allies as to the situation in Greece. "I must say this, and I say it far more in sorrow than in anger, and with a full sense of responsibility, the Prime Minister has not handled this situation in the

way it should have been handled," he said.

Only a week ago Mr. Greenwood had cautioned the Labor Party conference against adopting any resolutions that would be considered "chastisement" of Prime Minister Churchill in order not to embarrass the position of Labor members in the government.

Mr. Greenwood called the situation in Greece a "test case," and criticized the "tone and words" which Mr. Churchill had used in speaking of it. "If the Prime Minister had been a little more responsive and generous in the words he used, there need have been no occasion for a special debate today," said Mr. Greenwood, referring to the Dec. 8 debate, in which the government was sustained on a vote of confidence after a long speech by Mr. Churchill.

### Should Not Act Like Schoolmaster

"The Prime Minister really should not have come down as a schoolmaster prior to the Christmas holidays waving his birch in front of him."

Mr. Greenwood conceded that Britain went into Greece "with a perfectly good motive," and that the government now has "got to see it through."

He warned, however, that Britain would "lose her good name in Europe if she went into each liberated nation as a sort of Gestapo."

It was "generally agreed," said Mr. Greenwood, that the vast majority of the Greek people were in favor of a regency, and he called it "unfortunate that the King of Greece should have expressed great reluctance against establishing one."

### Many Suspect Power Politics

Sir Percy Harris, Liberal, said "there is a suspicion that the government is playing a game of power politics and endeavoring to establish a sphere of influence. The real danger is that all the Allies are manoeuvring for position. We are sowing the seeds of future wars."

The first Conservative speaker, Capt. C. E. Mott-Radcliffe, who fought with the Greeks against the Italians in 1940, was cheered when he declared that "the best service we can render is not to be violently partisan on either side."

Members cheered the warning from Aneurin Bevan, Labor, that if L.L. Gen. R. M. Scoobie, British commander in Greece, carried out his threat to turn every gun, bomber and tank against Athens if the E.L.A.S. did not stop firing by 9 a.m. tomorrow, it would "put this House in a most shameful situation."

(See Churchill's statement on Greek intervention, Page 2.)



Two victims, a man and woman, of a clash between E.L.A.S. demonstrators and police in Athens, lie where they fell on a street corner, while shouting crowds point to their bodies.

## Bouchard Names Secret Head Of Quebec Separatist Movement

VANCOUVER (CP)—Senator T. D. Bouchard said in a Canadian Club luncheon address here today that a "Canon Groulx" is "the hidden leader of the Jacques Cartier Secret Order and its overt political machine—the Bloc Populaire."

Declaring "overt and covert enemies of unity" in Canada might be successful in establishing an independent French state in Quebec province, Senator Bouchard said he was making his present speaking tour of western Canada to urge other Canadian provinces to fight against "Balkanization" of the Dominion.

### ISOLATION EFFORTS

The senator, a resident of St. Hyacinthe, Que., added that "a small but much vocal and very powerful minority of our political and spiritual leaders" are trying to isolate Canadians of French descent in one corner of Canada.

The problem of Canadian unity had been brought about through a lack of knowledge on the part of English-speaking Canadians of the French-Canadians. Forces had been at work almost since the capitulation of Quebec to Britain nearly 200 years ago "to isolate us (French-Canadians) in every walk of life from our compatriots of English origin."

Mr. Bouchard said "Canon Groulx travels in the middle west 'a few weeks ago to preach his gospel of separatism to the French groups we have in and around Manitoba.' English-speaking Canadians had been given the impression French-Canadians were of one mind on the most important social, political and intellectual questions.

## Modernization Plan For Malahat To Start Immediately

Complete modernization and revision of the Malahat will be completed this winter, Hon. Herbert Anscomb, minister of public works, announced today.

The Department of Public Works is now calling for tenders for the work. They will close Jan. 2 and the job will start immediately.

From mile 19 the new highway will run across the area logged off a year ago, cutting off the wide elbow approaching the summit.

For a mile beyond the concrete retaining wall the other side of the summit the road will be straightened and widened.

The minister said this is the first step in the government's plans to give Vancouver Island a modern road system.

"We are going at it when we can, where we can, as fast as we can," Mr. Anscomb said. The minister said the government is now looking at preliminary plans for a new government office building in Victoria to house government offices now scattered over half a dozen downtown buildings. It will be built on government property near the Parliament Buildings.

## Cannot Tell Airmen To Avoid Cathedrals

LONDON (CP)—Sir Archibald Sinclair, Secretary of State for Air, told the House of Commons today that "frankly it is not practical in attacking German targets to provide airmen with instructions to avoid bombing cathedrals and other buildings of historic and artistic value.

## Yanks Recapture Monschau; Front Still Unsettled

By JAMES M. LONG

PARIS (AP)—U.S. 1st Army troops have blunted one powerful German drive that lunged 20 miles into Belgium to Stavelot, and have recaptured Monschau, a German town 17 miles to the northeast.

Other American units clung to points three miles from St. Vith, another key Belgian road hub 11 miles southeast of Stavelot, and farther south U.S. forces were being mustered to halt still another penetration that struck across the north tip of Luxembourg, a front dispatch said.

The initial impetus of the armor-tipped German counter-offensive had been checked, although the front still was unsettled tonight.

The German smash to the vicinity of Stavelot had carried to within 22 miles of Liege, and bore one of the sharpest dangers to the 1st Army front.

Monschau is at the upper edge of the Nazis' break-through corridor.

### Violent Fighting On Stavelot Sector

Heavy battles apparently still raged today around Stavelot, 20 miles inside Belgium. St. Vith, 11 miles to the southeast, and Malmédy five miles northeast of Stavelot—the three biggest road hubs in Belgium's eastern bulge.

A front dispatch said Monschau, 16 miles southeast of Aachen, was retaken after German units which had entered the town were surrounded. Monschau was a focal point of one of four German drives.

One front dispatch said the U.S. 1st Army's situation was officially termed "definitely better" Tuesday night, with hardening of the American flanks north and south of the four-pronged German counteroffensive. U.S. tanks and tank destroyers hit in from these sides.

Supreme Headquarters disclosed the Germans had smashed five to 20 miles ahead by Monday noon in four columns driving into Belgium and Luxembourg. But today the German wildcat armored columns—struck deeper into Belgium, and German infantry was beginning to back up these probing fingers "in some strength," a 1st Army front dispatch said.

### Deepest Disclosed Penetration 20 Miles

This would put the Germans more than 20 miles into that Lowland country. The deepest disclosed penetration had been to Stavelot, 20 miles inside Belgium and only 22 from the fortress of Liege.

A middle German column has achieved the greatest advance, dispatches said, hammering beyond the column that reached Stavelot.

Precise details were withheld. The fast-ranging German mechanized columns were obviously in quest of U.S. supplies, but were reported meeting little success.

One 1st Army officer said the enemy had drained troops from other sectors for this "very bold" move, and that if the counter-offensive were crushed "the war can be won right here."

U.S. forces knocked back numerous enemy counterattacks on the eastern end of the northern flank, two of them before dawn today, east of Malmédy "in the corridor where infantry first met the main force of the enemy onslaught," said AP war correspondent William Bond.

A deluge of flying bombs accompanied the German blows. (The German High Command claimed without confirmation that more than 10,000 U.S. troops had been captured so far.)

U.S. troops were holding out in some key towns and pockets, but the main German forces in this wholly fluid warfare.

Supreme headquarters partly lifted the cloak of secrecy to tell of the 5-to-20-mile advances up to Monday noon in the winter counteroffensive.

The Germans were crushing

into increasingly dense defences thrown together by the 1st Army. U.S. anti-aircraft guns halted German tanks near Stavelot Tuesday, but elsewhere the armored spearheads moved forward. Stavelot and St. Vith, 11 miles to the southeast, both were in U.S. hands Tuesday morning, a dispatch said, with heavy fighting east of St. Vith.

U.S. anti-aircraft gunners claimed more than 200 German planes shot down in three days. Continued silence on later developments suggested the front had not yet been stabilized against the ramming columns of German armor and fresh infantry seeking a major breakthrough.

The partial lifting of the security blackout gave the first official disclosure of the depth and danger of the German recolt offensive mounted with all the power of the enemy's arsenal—rested crack divisions, tanks, planes, V-weapons, parachute troops and amphibious vehicles.

Dispatches from the counter-attacks line, however, declared Lt. Gen. Hodges had flung in infantry and armor in attempts to stem the onslaught.

In fluid, confused battle, some infantrymen fought until they were overrun in their foxholes by tanks. German parachute troops seized one U.S. hospital, but infantry rewon it, freeing the captives.

One German column struck in force across the border near Honsfeld—27 miles southeast of Aachen—and then split. One unit veered to the vicinity of Butgenbach, eight miles northeast of Malmédy. A second jabbed on to Stavelot, five miles southwest of Malmédy, and eight miles south of Spa, famous resort town.

The second enemy drive was a pincer thrust on the important road hub of St. Vith, four miles inside Belgium, and about 12 miles south of Malmédy.

### Yanks Pocketed But Holding Out

It cut off some U.S. troops, but up to Monday noon at least they were holding out in tight defence pockets, and St. Vith itself was being barred to the Germans by screening forces.

Dispatches today from both 21st Army Group and U.S. 9th Army headquarters said enemy patrols had suddenly thrust into Allied lines in the Gellenkirchen area—some 35 miles north of the northernmost German push—and heavy mortar fire crashed on Allied positions.

(Whether this heralded a new enemy assault in that area, where once the British 2nd and U.S. 9th Armies had their junction point, or simply was intended to prevent the Allies from moving reinforcements south was not apparent.)

Elsewhere a fog-shrouded lull continued on the fronts of the 1st Canadian and British 2nd Armies—which make up the 21st Army Group.

Some enemy movements were sighted across the Roer River from the U.S. 9th Army front.

A 9th Army dispatch said German prisoners were extremely confident about the offensive beating into the U.S. 1st Army lines. Buoyed by propaganda, some claimed this was but the beginning, and that Antwerp would fall in a few days.

### 8th Army Clears Senior Front Pockets

ROME (AP)—Polish and Indian troops of the British 8th Army have cleared out virtually all enemy resistance south of the Senio River, west of the main Bologna-Rimini highway in Italy, where the Germans had been putting up a stubborn fight for the last two weeks, it was announced today.

The communique did not mention action along the Canadian Corps' Naviglio Canal bridgehead, where Tuesday night continued enemy counterattacks were reported.



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### Press Gallery at Ottawa Honors Prime Minister



Rt. Hon. William Lyon Mackenzie King, who was a working newspaperman when he was young, was presented with a life membership in the Ottawa Parliamentary Press Gallery at a dinner on the eve of his 70th birthday. Here the Prime Minister is shown receiving his membership card, which is a replica of the usual card in gold plate, from R. K. Carnegie, left, of the Canadian Press, a past president of the Gallery.

### Churchill Cannot Say All Allies Agree on All Aspects of War Aims

LONDON (CP)—Prime Minister Churchill told the House of Commons today the great powers were in "entire agreement about the general aims which bind our alliance," but added that "whether there is complete agreement on every aspect of these matters is another question altogether."

Opening a potentially critical debate on British policy in liberated lands, the Prime Minister said:

"We had a certain task thrown upon us and we are discharging it to the best of our ability."

He asserted that so far, as the United States and Russia were concerned, he had "not the slightest doubt that the complete and effective co-operation will go on in all aspects of the war."

#### SIDETRACKS QUESTION

Mr. Churchill side-tracked an attempt to draw him into a discussion on the widely reported statement that the great powers already had agreed on some "spheres of influence."

One member pointedly asked the Prime Minister whether "he did not agree that there is a danger to implementation of proposals of the Dumbarton Oaks Conference if certain powers assign themselves spheres of influence and other powers are not brought into co-operation during the war?"

"I think that is a topic that obviously I should not attempt to deal with now," replied Mr. Churchill.

Pressed as to whether there was "now complete co-operation and accord" among Britain, the United States and Russia on British policy in Greece, Mr. Churchill replied:

"The burden of attending to troubles in Greece has fallen upon Great Britain and we have not so far been able to discharge this task without criticism, even

here at home, which has added to our difficulties."

"The three great powers are in entire agreement upon the general aims which bind our alliance and we have every need to keep in the closest association in this dangerous and momentous phase of the war."

Before Mr. Churchill took the floor, Foreign Secretary Eden reviewed the requirements Lt. Gen. R. M. Scobie, commander of the British forces in Greece, had laid down to the E.L.A.S. forces to evacuate the province of Attica, for order all members in Athens and Piraeus to cease resistance, and to hand in their arms.

"Gen. Scobie made it clear," said the Foreign Secretary, "that as soon as these requirements were fulfilled he would inform Field Marshal Alexander (Allied Mediterranean commander) who would concert the necessary steps to put an end to the present turmoil in Greece and to restore to all Greeks, whatever their opinions, the peaceful enjoyment of their democratic principles."

#### PLAN FREE ELECTION

Mr. Eden said a committee of the E.A.M. (National Liberation Front) agreed Dec. 16 to withdraw the E.L.A.S. forces from Attica, but had not replied to the other conditions for an end of resistance and surrender of arms. If the E.A.M. accepts the terms of the armistice, Mr. Eden said, "then we shall do our best to ensure to the Greek people the government of their choice and free elections as early as possible."

Giving assurances that "it is not our desire that as a result of this business there should be victimization, either on one side or the other," the Foreign Secretary insisted, "Our desire is that there should be an amnesty and that Greeks should have opportunity to live in peace and harmony."

Discussion of foreign policy was suspended while Mr. Churchill delivered a lengthy report on the welfare of British troops in India and Burma.

#### Star to Lie in State

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP)—The ermine-garbed body of Lupe Velez, ill-fated Mexican actress, will lie in state for three hours tomorrow before a funeral service is held Friday and the body is removed to Mexico City for burial.

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### Canadians Repel 2 Counterattacks On Munio Canal

By WILLIAM BOSS  
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Delayed, CP—Canadian troops, who had advanced from the right flank of their Naviglio Canal bridgehead to secure a narrow foothold on the Munio Canal, huddled back two German counterattacks today (Monday) but an enemy attack forced back troops on the Naviglio's left flank from positions achieved by an advance over the Vecchia Canal.

(At last reports the bridgehead was four miles wide and one mile to 1½ miles in depth.)

The attacks on the Munio bridgehead, located on a waterway near the Naviglio, were the second and third vain bids the Germans made to dislodge the Canadians who gained this foothold Saturday.

British Columbia infantry under Capt. Jim Oldfield of Fraser Valley, B.C., threw back the second counterattack at 1 a.m. today and the third eight hours later.

#### GUNS KNOCKED OUT

Oldfield's men this morning knocked out two enemy guns, silenced one tank and knocked out another. Three tanks had approached along a road on the canal bank, shooting as they came. The first was silenced by mortars under Sgt. Nap Cormier of New Westminster, B.C. Capt. Oldfield then directed medium artillery fire at the other. A third fled.

To the right, Ontario infantrymen under Capt. Dave Ames of Vancouver continued inching along the Munio's left bank toward Highway 16—the Ravenna-Ferrara road.

Along the whole front the Canadians remained in the closest contact with the enemy and a distance of only 50 yards separated them from enemy positions. The whole forward area constantly was raked by mortar and shell fire.

#### American Legion

##### To Re-Admit Japs

HOOD RIVER, Ore. (AP)—This American Legion post yielded today to demands that it replace names of Japanese-American soldiers erased from its honor roll—provided they prove loyalty.

Attributing its action to belief in dual citizenship, the post declared it would reinscribe the name of every soldier furnishing an authenticated statement that he "has renounced Japanese citizenship."

### Round-up

By TOM MERRIMAN

THE MUCH HIGHER French wage scale, introduced since the provisional government returned to Paris is based on the size of a man's family with liberal allowances where there are many children. Margaret Ecker, writing from Paris, says France is making plans which will put her among leading countries in labor reform. Workers, unemployed because of war, receive three-quarters of the salary they were paid when working. As soon as coal and material can be delivered to industrial areas it is expected the unemployment problem will vanish.

CONTRARY TO THE statement he is reported to have made when he left Ottawa after resigning from the cabinet, Hon. C.

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G. Power, former air minister, is not definitely through with politics according to word from Ottawa. Maj. Power has not yet decided whether he will run again for the House of Commons in Quebec East but is pretty sure he can win again if he does. In any case he is keeping his political fences in order.

MANY LIBERAL members, who are hoping for reelection when the next general federal election rolls around, have informed government authorities that most of the complaints they have received from their constituents have been in connection with price controls, rationing and taxes.

WITH SCORES of productions billed for England, Scotland and Wales, pantomimes, which have been presented in various forms in Britain for the last three centuries, are being presented as lavishly as ever this sixth wartime Christmas although some of the old props are being painted over because of shortage of materials. The always popular "Cinderella" is first favorite.

JACK HENDERSON, B.C. president of the Canadian Legion, is not in accord with the U.S. idea of permitting Japanese to return to the Pacific Coast. "Re-

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turn of the Japanese," he says, "would constitute a menace to our standard of living and, with the present resentment against them, it would be better for their own sakes if they did not return." Native Brotherhood of B.C. which includes virtually all the Indians fishing along the B.C. coast, has passed a resolution bitterly opposing the return of Japanese fishermen.

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# JAPANESE BARBARISM

BRITAIN'S SECRETARY OF STATE FOR War, Sir James Grigg, regaled the House of Commons yesterday with a ghastly narrative of Japanese brutality toward British, Australian and Dutch captives in their enforced labor on the construction of the Thailand-Burma railway and road. The statement released by the War Office supplemented the minister's oral accounting to Parliament and explained that the Nipponese had used more than 60,000 white prisoners on this undertaking "regardless of conditions under which they worked and of the cost of human life." Sir James intimated, moreover, that at least 24,000 of them had died. The following summarized description of the conditions with which these Jap-enslaved captives were obliged to contend should be noted by all those people in this country who seem to be so solicitous about the future of the Nipponese in Canada:

"All prisoners traveled from Singapore to Thailand in metal cattle trucks so crowded that the men could not lie down for five days and nights, and were forced to sleep leaning against piles of equipment or against one another.

"They were forced to march 50 miles through disease-ridden jungles, so thirsty they drank from muddy puddles, and all of them were so exhausted they fell to the water-logged ground at the end of each march, wrapping their heads in anything they could find as protection against the mosquitoes.

"The prisoners were forced to work if they could move at all. They were required to move one and a half cubic yards of earth and rock a day—a task sometimes requiring 15 hours' labor. Worn-out clothes were not replaced and some men were reduced to going naked or were clad only in a loincloth."

The foregoing is taken from the official document issued by the British War Office. It has no political significance; it is made public to serve no purpose save to acquaint civilized people of Japanese barbarism. But its stark hideousness surely will not fail to impress that element in this and other countries which would seem to condone such conduct in the belief that to do otherwise would fan the flames of racism. Many British Columbians regard much of this attitude for what it is—sheer poppycock. And what a contrast is to be found in the treatment of British, Australian and Dutch prisoners in Burma in comparison with the treatment of Japanese internees in Canada. In one camp in this province, for example, these people—about whom we have heard quite a lot in recent times—had the privilege of publishing their own newspaper in English and Nipponese whose columns have aired all kinds of fantastic and other grievances without let or hindrance!

## DIFFERING METHODS

MR. HAROLD WINCH, LEADER OF THE C.C.F. in British Columbia, may be perfectly sincere in his advocacy of Socialism as a means to the end of achieving that Utopia of material security towards which so many strive but which so few attain—due no doubt to the very human fault of never being satisfied.

Mr. David Lewis, the C.C.F. secretary and strategist, by contrast, is perfectly sincere in his belief that he and his fellow travelers among the scholastic "intellectuals," who formulate the policies of the C.C.F., can achieve that paradise of totalitarian political and economic power he visualizes as a government by the intelligent, of the intelligentsia for the unintelligent. He substitutes shrewdness for sincerity and would quote "a rose by any other name would smell as sweet" as a basic principle for a psychological approach to his problem.

Mr. Winch has had some experience as leader of the opposition in the Legislature of British Columbia of the difficulties of government. He no doubt wants sometimes to rush the fences of democratic procedure with which he is impatient. Mr. Lewis has had no experience, but a fine scholastic record which makes him extremely contemptuous of democratic procedure. For him there are no such fences as Mr. Winch has experienced. For him there are only the means to gain his end.

## CAPITAL CHANGES

INTENSIVE PREOCCUPATION WITH the political and economic destiny of the world precludes any practical consideration being given to the constitution of human happiness. Ideologically the placidity of a well-bred and properly-fed cow chewing the cud is the biological objective of the New Deal. Eating, drinking, sleeping, waking, earning, learning, must all conform to an international standard established in the research laboratories of the Sociological Council of Contentment. The Council is founded on the fundamental principle that human happiness is dependent on the establishment of an economic utopia under government management.

What has been forgotten in this estimate of eventuality is the stagnation of contentment. Human satisfaction cannot be achieved merely by the elimination of material human suffering. In fact the first to rebel against the edicts of the council would be the artists, the creators of music and poetry, of beauty and dream, of rhythm and memory. To all these the element of romance is necessary

and romance is the product of emotion and imagination. The artistic temperament is dependent on the fundamental principle that human happiness is founded on human feeling and personality to which freedom is essential.

The present debate about the international centre for world government should be relegated to its proper place in the design for a new world. We who constitute the prospective victims of the four dispositions and angular mentalities of our planners, demand something better than mathematics with which to measure desire, book-keeping to balance our emotions, and a cud for our memories. We want competition throughout the world of beauty and romance. We want capital cities like Vienna in which to centre the inspiration and spontaneity of our music, like Moscow for the ballet, Athens for sculpture, Rio for rhapsodies, Nanking for philosophy. Allow us to relegate trade to London, finance to New York, and politics to Sydney. International boundaries would disappear in the welter of rivalries in art. Catering to the confusions of the artistic temperament would lead to economic revival everywhere. Instead of spending half our time considering how to kill each other and the other half on how to harness our loves and lives to the inventories of manufacturers, we would be thrilled by the latest ballet from Moscow or the profundity of a new philosophy emanating from Nanking. New York could prescribe the amount of cultural credit to be assigned to each activity and London would attend to the proper distribution of the children of the artistic temperament the world over.

Admittedly there would be some astonishing results. But the first and most important would be a general lift in the depressing clouds of the totalitarian mentality which threatens to extinguish human endeavor in its effort to lighten human responsibility.

## MY LORD STRABOLGI!

LORD STRABOLGI, THAT EMINENT Labor peer, on Sunday addressed a crowd of some 20,000 people in Trafalgar Square, demonstrating in favor of E.L.A.S. in Greece. He said that "if the price we have to pay for Mr. Churchill's leadership in war is civil war, it is too high."

No doubt Lord Strabolgi would welcome the opportunity, if it were given him, to establish, not law and order, but E.L.A.S. as the government of Greece. As a naval officer during the first Great War—he was then Lt.-Cmdr. Kenworthy—he probably objected to Mr. Churchill as First Lord of the Admiralty. Supposing he were still under the orders of the Admiralty, and Mr. Churchill suggested he be sent not only to Greece, but into every country as it was liberated from the Germans, to settle without strife between various factions, the form of government they desired, he would be unable to refuse the responsibility. Sir Stafford Cripps accepted that responsibility in India and discovered that however excellent his intentions they were not successful in paving the road to peace between Mr. Jinnah and Mr. Gandhi.

Lord Strabolgi is also misleading. Britain is not paying for civil war in Greece. Britain is paying the price of trying to prevent civil war, and prevent injustice. She is trying to prevent massacres by one faction of another faction. She is trying to prevent so-called patriots, with arms, infiltrating this or that political organization to forward its own interests, which are not democratic but totalitarian. She is trying to prevent anarchy and for that she has to pay the high price of suffering of such critics as Lord Strabolgi has frequently proved.

Mr. Churchill's leadership in war saved the freedom of all such men and gave them the privileges they still enjoy. Is that too high a price to pay, my Lord Strabolgi?

THE POLISH PROBLEM  
CERTAINLY THE POLES ARE JUSTIFIED in seeking a guarantee of their proposed new frontiers from Russia, Britain, the United States and France. They may shrewdly suspect that the United States will not give such a guarantee and, therefore, they may be able to extract some compromise with Russia which will enable them to retain Lwow and its neighboring territory within the Polish state.

The inclusion of East Prussia in the new Polish state means shifting the German population to the west of the Vistula and replacing Germans with Poles from east of the Curzon Line. The transfer of huge blocks of population was part and parcel of Hitler's policy. East Prussia was more definitely Polish than the somewhat nebulous territory known as White Russia. Poles and Lithuanians clashed after the last war when Poland seized Vilna against the judgment of the League of Nations.

But Poland is apprehensive of a new Germany sufficiently recovered to seize East Prussia again. Thus the Poles feel that unless the Allies absolutely guarantee to prevent such seizure, the proffered territory will prove nothing but a constant headache.

NOTES  
Middle age is when a man thinks a month's rest will undo the job of wreck-age that took him ten years.

Many people mispronounce "hicoughs," forgetting that a man goes "hic" when in his cups, not when he coughs.

It is well to remember that some columnists can solve foreign problems so neatly because their ideas don't have to work.

Mr. H. G. Wells demands that "Mr. Churchill resign and take his royalties with him." Yes, where would author Wells be without his royalties? Socialist though he is, nobody wildly dreaming can imagine him refusing to write any more articles, going into retirement and NOT taking his royalties with him.

## Walter Lippmann

### EUROPE AFTER TEHRAN

THERE HAS BEEN some discussion both here and abroad about the need for another meeting of Stalin, Churchill and Roosevelt; it is evident that there are great undecided questions which can be settled only by the heads of states. Yet I venture to suggest that the controlling reason why these questions are being dealt with unsuccessfully, or not at all, is that they are questions which cannot be settled by the big three alone. Stalin, Churchill, and Roosevelt cannot settle, separately or together, the political problems of Europe.

Since Teheran there has been a fundamental change in the European situation. At Teheran the three liberating powers agreed on the military strategy of liberation; now it is necessary for them to agree with the liberated nations on how to conclude the war. This means that the old Teheran partnership has to be enlarged before the problems arising from our victories can be settled.

THUS IT IS impossible for the Big Three to agree on terms of settlement for Germany: the agreement of France, Belgium, and the Netherlands is indispensable to any settlement from the west of the German frontiers, to any plan of occupation and control. The basic reason why in London and Washington there have been so many plans but no firm decisions is that over a long period of years the primary enforcing power of any settlement in the west will be, not Great Britain and America, but France. Without France as a principal in shaping the terms for Germany, the whole discussion is academic.

Yet agreement about the future of Germany is the crux of British and American relations with the Soviet Union. If there is agreement about Germany, which is the paramount question, no serious conflict is likely to develop over secondary issues in the Balkans, the Middle East, or the Far East. But if there is no genuine agreement about Germany, then the secondary issues will become increasingly serious.

NEXT ON the list of great unsettled questions is the future of the Mediterranean. We speak of the Yugoslav, the Greek, the Italian and the Spanish problems but we shall do well, I believe, to recognize that they are aspects of one great problem—that of the Mediterranean. Mr. Churchill's troubles in this area arise from his attempt to settle from London the future of the Mediterranean. Great Britain has a vital and necessary interest. But Great Britain is unable alone to make an acceptable and enduring settlement, and the United States, which has no such immediate and vital interest in the Mediterranean, is not able to play wisely and usefully a determining role.

What is needed in the Mediterranean, which is no longer a major theatre of war, is a peace settlement in which the chief Mediterranean states—namely Great Britain, France, Italy, Spain, Greece, Yugoslavia, and also Turkey, take their part.

IT IS OBVIOUS that a peace settlement cannot be made quickly or easily. But I venture to believe that the decision to proceed toward a peace settlement could be made now, and that this is the only way to begin to untangle the snarl in which Britain and the United States find themselves in Italy, Greece and elsewhere in that area.

The first step following a decision to make peace would be to invite France to participate in Mediterranean affairs as an equal and principal power. Nothing can, of course, be settled in the Mediterranean without France, and all proposals of settlement will have a far better chance of acceptance if they do not come from the English-speaking nations alone.

In partnership with France we should then undertake to end the hopeless contradictions of Italy's position—that of a country which is at once a "co-belligerent" and a defeated enemy. The only way to end the contradiction is to make peace with Italy, to supersede the armistice by a treaty which fixes definitely the Italian frontiers, the Italian colonies, and the reparations to be made by Italy to Greece and to other victims of Fascist aggression.

UNTIL THIS IS done there can be no Italian government which can know what it is doing, which can win the confidence of the Italian people, or exercise any moral authority during the terrible ordeal through which, as a result of the war and of Fascism, the Italians are destined to pass.

In the framework of a negotiation to make a Mediterranean settlement, the Greek tragedy can perhaps be transcended by making visible to the Greeks a decent future that they can work for in place of the horrid present in which they are living. In that framework, too, the coming transition in Spain from Franco's Fascism to a freer regime might be accomplished with the least suffering and general international disturbance.

IF THESE ARE the general lines we ought to take toward a constructive solution of our problem, then we must not be discouraged and put off because in London and in Washington men are too tired to decide questions they would rather postpone, and so set in their ways that they see all the practical difficulties and do not see the necessity and the promise.

As a matter of fact, there is good reason to think that we are going to proceed, perhaps by being pushed rather than by our own statesmanlike initiative, along these lines: General de Gaulle's conversations in Moscow could not have ended in a treaty of alliance if France and the Soviet Union had not come to an understanding on the German question. Great Britain and the United States, which also need an understanding with France on the German question, need an understanding with France on the Mediterranean question.

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From Washington Merry-Go-Round, by Drew Pearson

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Through the European underground, army engineers were able to get exact measurements of the bridges which they knew would be destroyed by the retreating Nazis. Each part was numbered, and special assembly crews, trained in England, rehearsed the job of putting them in place.

When the invasion came, these bridges traveled so close behind our advancing armies that they were frequently ahead of the field kitchens. And on arrival at a destroyed bridge, its replacement was a matter of hours.

### WAR POSTER

Russel Crouse in Transatlantic

We, too, have our war posters reminding us that the enemy has very large ears. Somehow, these seem strangely lacking in imagination and not nearly so provocative as those of the last war. One of them, however, did succeed in giving Fifth Avenue an amusing moment the other day.

A bride and groom dashed out of a church and into a waiting automobile. There was the usual crowd to cheer them on their way. As the car started, the cheers turned to chuckles. For on the back of the car someone had pasted a war poster which bore the legend:

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From Brazil Bulletin

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By The Canadian Press

Dec. 20, 1940—Germans made concentrated night attack on Liverpool, as R.A.F. raided Berlin, Ruhr and invasion coast objectives. President Roosevelt announced formation of new high committee for re-arming United States and aiding Britain.

MR. CHURCHILL and Mr. Roosevelt, Mr. Eden and Mr. Stettinius, can do no better than to recognize that Europe, after the liberation of France, is no longer the Europe they were thinking about before the liberation of France. For in Europe the Big Three have become in fact the Big Four. One of these four—France—is politically both a great power and a liberated nation. For this double reason the advice of France, which understands from experience what liberation means, is now indispensable if we are to avoid the mistakes which have been made in Belgium, Greece and Italy.

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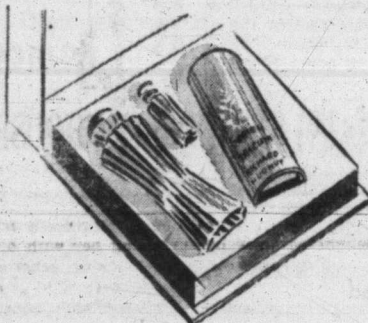
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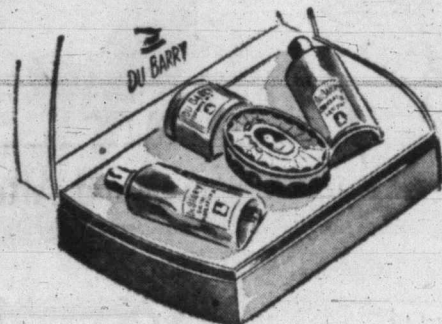
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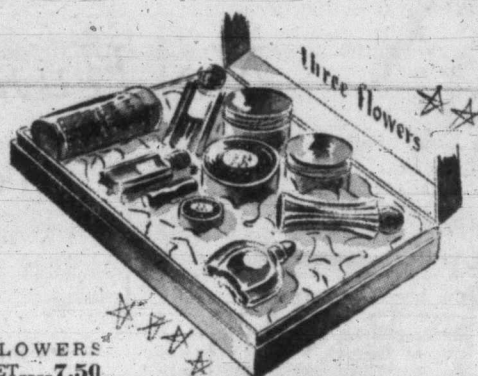
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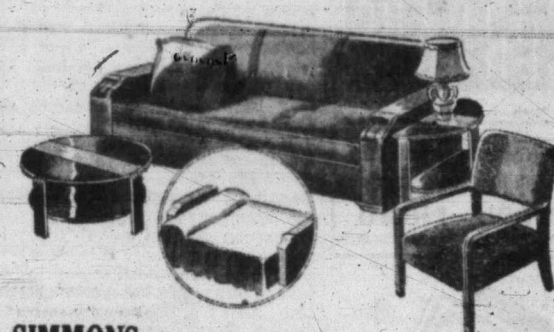
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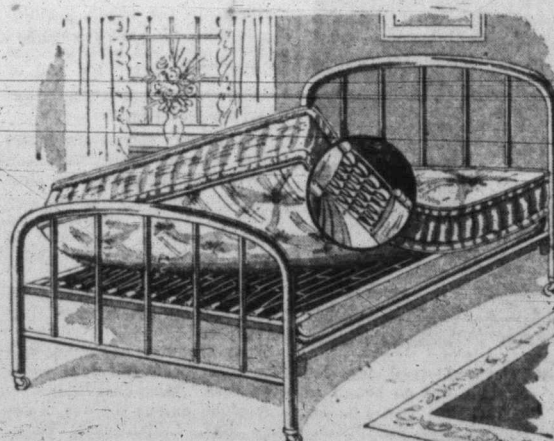
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Mr. and Mrs. Albert Keast of Seattle are visiting at the Empress Hotel.

Capt. and Mrs. K. W. Thompson are visiting at the Empress Hotel from Lacey, Wash.

Miss Joan and Miss Betty Mortimer of Vancouver are visiting at the Empress Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. H. McGowan of Comox are guests at the Empress Hotel.

Mr. H. B. Nicholson and her daughter of Long Beach are visiting at the Empress Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Parke are visiting at the Empress Hotel from St. Andrews, N.B.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Boyd, who formerly lived at 2470 Lansdown Road, have taken up residence at the Empress Hotel.

Sgt. Doris Hooper, C.W.A.C., arrived from Vancouver Tuesday to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Hooper, 2390 Cranmore Road.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Bayne, with their daughter Joan and son Charles, will leave Vancouver Friday to spend Christmas in Victoria.

Mrs. W. A. Rutledge and her daughter, Doreen, arrived today from Vancouver to spend Christmas at the Empress Hotel. They will be joined by Dr. Rutledge Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Gordon of Whitehorse, Y.T., will arrive in Victoria Sunday to spend the Christmas season visiting Mr. Gordon's mother, Mrs. R. C. Pope, and his sister, Mrs. David Spence, 2906 Cook Street.

Among Vancouver visitors staying at the Empress Hotel are Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Harry, Mr. and Mrs. S. Colquhoun, Miss M. J. Wallace, Mrs. Edith Pringle, Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Lister, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Carmichael and Mr. and Mrs. A. Kemp.

## Y.P. Societies

St. Alban's A.Y.P.A. Tuesday evening's meeting took the form of a work night in preparation for the Christmas party for the Sunday school children to be held Friday at 6:30. Supper will be served at Santa Claus will distribute gifts.

## Club Calendar

Primrose Lodge No. 32, D.O.E., Friday, 7:30. . . Children of France Society will meet Jan. 4 after holiday adjournment.

#### Receives V.C.



Mrs. David Hornell received this Victoria Cross on behalf of her husband, the late Pte. Lt. David Hornell, who was posthumously awarded the medal for a valorous attack on a U-boat. It was the first time that a Victoria Cross had been presented at an investiture in Canada.

## Sub-Debs Open Festive Season



Opening the round of parties for Victoria's younger set Miss Ann Tatlow entertained at a dance at the home of her mother, Mrs. Kenneth Tatlow, 921 Foul Bay Road, Tuesday evening. Above, from left to right, are seen during the party, the hostess Miss Tatlow, Michael Butler, Miss Joan Baté and Cadet

Michael Martin. Other guests were: Misses June K.R. Helen Robinson, Ann and Pamela Merston, Jane Ridewood, Marjorie Wride, Joyce McPherson, Helen Hill, Peggy-Lou Godfrey, Louise Roy, Susan Robertson, Pamela Fraser, Shirley Crane, Diana Jenkins, Joan Haldane, Anne Clarke, Anne Collison, Beth Collison, Messrs. Bill Robinson, Brian

McLaughlin, Deric Yuill, David Beech, John Preston, Bill Thackeray, Brian McIntosh, Jim Robertson, Douglas Brown, Brian Crane, Dick Parsons, Peter Jones, Phillip Connelly, David Braid, Jeremy Dicks, Gordon Nickells, Bruce Scott, Alan Wilson, Donald Carmichael, Tim Moore and Cadets Michael Fitzgerald and Peter Campbell.

## Adele Plant Re-elected

Miss Adele Plant was re-elected president of the Junior Auxiliary to the Air Services at their annual meeting.

Other officers elected were: Vice-president, Miss Dorothy Tenipet; second vice-president, Miss Margaret Strachan; secretary, Mrs. N. A. Hutton; treasurer, Mrs. George Bell; press, Miss Daphne Syson.

Miss Pat Kingsberry reported Christmas parcels sent to west coast stations and the sum of \$80 was donated at the request of Sgt. Ldr. L. O. Bradley to No. 6 Convalescent Home for W.D. furnishings.

Included in the president's annual report were references to the monthly donations to the Prisoner of War Fund, started in February; work in the Balmoral Service Girls' Canteen, from 10 till 1 every Sunday morning, by volunteer efforts; a dance held in June, convened by Miss Joan Fletcher, which realized approximately \$100; the benefits from social meetings in the homes of

members; the donation, in July, of \$100 to the Convalescent Home at Colwood (in conjunction with the senior auxiliary); flowers, convened by Miss Nancy Shaw, sent to the Convalescent Home since July. The home also received a tea service in October, and the W.D.'s were recipients of \$10 for the purchase of bedspreads. The members of the auxiliary attend a dance there once a month.

From the tag day, held Oct. 7, when the senior and junior auxiliaries combined their efforts, with Miss Sylvia Monckton representing the junior auxiliary, the sum of \$500 was received by the junior branch.

The isolated station, Cape St. James, on the Queen Charlottes, has been adopted, and Christmas parcels for 150 men were packed and sent in November, one to Cape St. James and the other to Ferrier Point. At the sale of work, held by the senior auxiliary, Nov. 3, the junior branch donated and handled the home cooking stall.

## Clubwomen

W.A. to Canadian Dental Corps met at the Y.W.C.A. when Mrs. W. H. Hillier, treasurer, reported all accounts for the year paid and a balance of \$326 in the bank. Mrs. T. Harrison announced 13 pairs of socks completed. Reporting for the parcel convener, Mrs. J. C. Foote said seven letters have been received from overseas, acknowledging receipt of Christmas parcels. State of officers for the coming year was presented by Mrs. H. R. Turner, chairman of the nominating committee.

St. Alban's Ladies' Guild annual meeting was held at the home of Mrs. A. O. Trickett, 1438 Ryan Street. Mrs. F. Chappell was elected president and other officers were vice-president, Mrs. E. Andrews; secretary, Mrs. O. A. Trickett; treasurer, Mrs. F. Hawes. Mesdames E. Ovensden, F. Hawes and M. Anderton assisted the hostess at tea.

Sound, traveling at the rate of 1,126 feet a second, would take 32 hours to encircle the globe.

## More Hundreds Of War Brides Arrive in Canada

OTTAWA (CP) — Catching their first fleeting glimpse of Canada through rifts in a snowstorm, several hundred more British "war brides" of Canadian servicemen have arrived in the Dominion to establish new homes in their adopted country.

Some were en route to join husbands already in Canada. Many brought young babies with them. A few already were widowed and were to join their husbands' families.

Arriving in the same contingent with them were a small number of servicemen, including R.C.A.F. personnel, a few army officers and a group of four nursing sisters who had seen service in Italy.

Others in the group included a handful of French-Canadian civilians who had been interned by the Nazis after the fall of France.

#### SERVED IN ITALY

The nursing sisters are Isobel Ervin and Constance Nicholson of Winnipeg, who served with a Canadian hospital in Rome, and Kathleen Bayley and Gladys Clark of Ottawa, who were attached to a hospital on the Adriatic coast.

Sister Garvin was overseas 4½ years, and the others more than three years.

Their first view of Canada was "the most beautiful sight we've ever seen," they chorused.

A widow among the war brides was Mrs. Lillian Bell, whose husband, Sgt. Alvin Bell of Halfway Lake and Gilbert, Plains, Alta., had been killed in action. "It was hard to lose him so soon," she said, "but at least I'll have our baby in his country."

Mrs. Vera Larson was heading for Saskatoon to join L. Cpl. Peter Larson, discharged on medical grounds after service in Italy. She has their three-year-old son, Robert.

Executive for 1945 were installed by Mrs. Hugh McLeod at the annual meeting of the W.M.S. of First United Church. Mrs. N. Craig presided. A religious program, suitable for the Christmas season, was led by the president and carol singing was accompanied by Mrs. McLeod at the piano and Miss P. Willows on the violin. Annual reports were read.

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## Metropolitan W.M.S. Install Officers

Mrs. D. A. Girvin was installed as president of Metropolitan W.M.S. by Rev. A. E. Whitehouse, D.D., at the last meeting.

Other officers installed were: Honorary president, Mrs. A. E. Whitehouse; first vice-president, Miss Grace Baker; second vice-president, Mrs. E. R. Bevell; third vice-president, Mrs. A. C. Farrell; fourth vice-president, Mrs. H. Thompson; recording secretary, Mrs. H. C. McCall; corresponding secretary, Mrs. J. E. Runnions; treasurer, Miss E. E. Harte; Christian stewardship, Mrs. Standen; associate helpers, Mrs. W. H. Whiteley; literature secretary, Mrs. W. H. Muncy; roll call, Mrs. G. Richardson; missionary monthly, Miss E. Bawden; community friendship, Mrs. E. Crummy; supply, Mrs. W. L. Smith; social convener, Mrs. C. F. Wharton; temperance, Mrs. J. G. Fox; press, Mrs. W. E. Harper; pianist, Miss A. Ede; auditor, Mrs. C. E. Sonley, junior evening auxiliary advisor, Mrs. H. Thompson; mission circle advisor, Mrs. Muncy; mission band leader, Mrs. M. Crummy; baby band leader, Mrs. J. E. Smith.

The program was in charge of Mrs. H. O. English assisted by Mrs. E. Crummy reading the Scripture and followed by a prayer by Mrs. A. Lee. Christmas carols were sung by members of the Servimus Group accompanied by Mrs. Ed Williams.

## Dorothy Dix

Dear Miss Dix: What is personality?

**TOM AND BOB.**  
Answer: Personality is the little intangible something about each of us that makes us different from anyone else in the world. And it is either our greatest blessing or our greatest curse.

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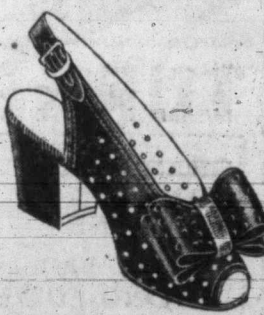
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Darling's Drug Store, B 1212  
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Gorge Pharmacy, E 7702  
Hillside Pharmacy, G 1632  
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LEGS Whole or shank end, lb. 32¢  
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APPLES DELICIOUS, CEE 3 lbs. 23¢ Per box 243

All Specials Advertised in Monday's Times Good Right Up to Christmas

## Canadian Wrens in Scotland



Canadian Wrens at home over Christmas. Let wintry winds blow in off the Clyde, these young women are snug and warm at "Lindores," their Scottish quarters. A little spot of Canada tucked away in the United Kingdom, "Lindores" has many a cozy nook like this. Notice the Canadian artist's reproduction above the mantel. This particular canvass, with its golden warmth of harvest, is in marked contrast to the Scottish scene, and a great favorite with the Wrens.

## Caterers Praise English Cooking

LONDON (CP)—English country hotels will drop their continental male chefs after the war and employ English women cooks to give their guests honest-to-goodness English food if a report prepared by British catering experts finds favor among hotel proprietors.

"The highly-flavored continental sauces are right for continental meat and fish, which lack flavor and would otherwise be tasteless," says the report. "This island produces the finest cooking material in the world, and needs no sauces to camouflage its quality. Our roast and grill is the envy of European countries. We produce vegetables and fruit of better quality. The post-war aim of our country hotels should be to foster the individuality of good old-fashioned English cooking before it becomes a lost art."

A well-fed, clothed, housed and educated man is less inclined toward apollation and bloodshed than is his ill-used brother. Bernard M. Baruch.

## Festive Christmas Planned for Wrens in Great Britain

OTTAWA (CP)—Christmas will still be Christmas for the more than 1200 Canadian Wrens in London, Greenock, Scotland, and Londonderry, Ireland, even though they are thousands of miles from home.

Officers and ratings on the staff of the Canadian naval mission overseas in London will have a dance on Christmas eve. The Canadian Navy in London now is five times its 1943 size, and the intimate little gathering a year ago would never do for the hundreds of wrens, ratings and officers now stationed there.

At "Lindores," magnificent home overlooking the Clyde shipyards at Greenock, 40 Canadian Wrens are busy preparing to entertain their new friends and neighbors. The Wren writers and transport drivers here work with the Royal Navy.

The highlight of Christmas festivities at Londonderry will be the Christmas night dance, given for Royal Navy and Royal Canadian Navy officers and ratings at the base and in the ships. Most of the Canadian Wrens will have Christmas dinner on His Majesty's Canadian ships, or with friends in town, but those who stay in quarters will be served by their officers in traditional navy fashion.

## Stocking Purchases By Card System

CALGARY (CP)—In an attempt to bring law and order into the business of selling stockings to women who haven't been able to buy them for a while, one city store has begun a new distribution system in the hosiery department.

The women, who for two or three months have been pushing counters across to the walls, endangering their own lives and limbs, to say nothing of those of the salesgirls, now stand patiently in line, holding a numbered card. They form in line with the help of two commissionaires, according to the number they have been issued, and eight salesgirls work at top speed to sell one pair of stockings to a customer.

On Monday there was no pushing and scrambling, and the women, and a few men, lined up happily, knowing that while they held a card their precious stocking purchase was assured.

When the stocks became low, the cards were given out to the number left in stock, and finally the last card holder left with the last pair of stockings.

The cards, numbered up to 100, are turned over several times while the stock lasts.

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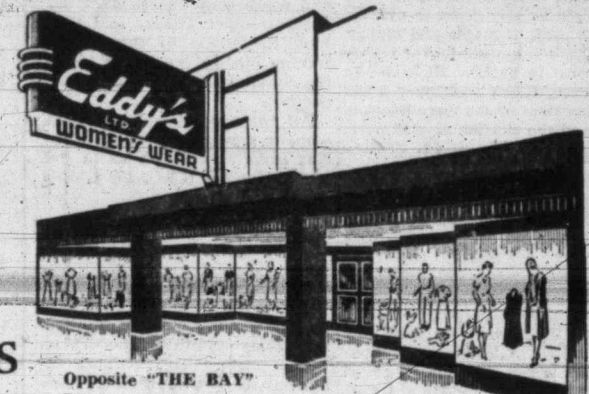
Not an unlimited quantity of course, but they ARE lovely. And we'll keep on selling them until the day's quota is expended. The store opens at 9.

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## Nubbins Goes Home

DENVER (AP)—Forest "Nubbins" Hoffman Tuesday walked out of Mercy Hospital to go home.

This was the big day for the Cheyenne, Wyo., three-year-old who tugged at the nation's heart-strings when he celebrated Christmas more than a month ahead of time because his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Hoffman, feared he would not

live until Dec. 25.

Before he left Nubbins held "court" in the hospital where he was brought almost a month ago, suffering from a fibrous growth on the neck of his bladder which

had seriously damaged his kidneys. For two and a half weeks his condition was strengthened for the operation which was performed Dec. 7.

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# 8 Ian Grant Won D.S.O. For Daring Initiative

OTTAWA (CP) — Unusual in Canadian military annals, a Distinguished Service Order has been awarded a junior officer—Capt. Ian MacDonald Grant of Victoria, Three Rivers Tank Regiment—and the reason for the departure from normal commendation is shown in the citation announced with 16 others by defence headquarters here today.

Only 24, Grant took the initiative when senior officers were put out of action, defeated at least two enemy counter-attacks and assured the piercing of the Trasimeno Line in Italy last June.

Grant, 24, native of Victoria, is only son of Mrs. L. M. L. Grant, 534 Linden Avenue, and the late John Grant. He attended Sir James Douglas and Victoria High Schools, and was a fourth-year student at U.B.C. when he joined the army. He has seen action in North Africa, Sicily and Italy.

Military circles said that ordinarily a Military Cross award went to junior officers for gallantry, with the Victoria Cross being given in exceptional cases. The D.S.O. is usually given to officers of the rank of major and higher, who have responsibility of taking initiative in battle. However, in this case, Grant took over when his superiors' tanks were knocked out, and the citation says in part:

**DISREGARD OF SELF**  
"The cool, daring, initiative, complete disregard for his personal safety and superb leadership displayed by Capt. Grant in the face of terrible odds and under murderous fire, was of the highest order, and resulted in the objective being gained, the piercing of the Trasimeno Line, the collapse of at least two counter-attacks, which undoubtedly saved a squadron (of tanks) and its accompanying infantry from heavy losses in tanks and men."

Further, his personal example was such "an inspiration to the men under his command that they were able to carry the fight over nearly unsurmountable obstacles into the very centre of a heavily-defended locality."

The citation ran more than 600 words—one of the longest of this war. Briefly, Grant's senior officers were put out of action and he pressed on with an attack with inferior forces and with both flanks exposed by his regiment's losses. Down to three tanks, he scored heavily on the enemy and made the remnants retire.

When counter-attacks developed he beat them off and when the enemy tried to infiltrate into his lines he got on foot and audaciously pointed out the advancing groups to his tankmen, who polished them off.

"All the time he was exposed to heavy fire and 'escaped injury and death time and again.' He beat off other attacks and then took the battle to the enemy, forcing him to retire and assuring consolidation of the Canadian position."

All the awards had been previously announced, when there was some speculation as to the reason for the D.S.O. for Grant.

**D.S.O. TO BURNS**  
D.S.O. went to Maj. Gen. E. L. M. (Tommy) Burns, 47, Westmount, Que., and Ottawa, former commander of the 1st Canadian Corps in Italy, and now Canadian communications chief of the British army group in northwest Europe; and Brig. William C. Murphy, 39, Vancouver and Ashcroft, B.C.

Gen. Burns' citation said his "fine leadership and drive maintained the momentum of the attack" on the Gothic Line in Italy.

Brig. Murphy's citation said he coolly covered a mined area to gain information leading to a successful attack.

Cpl. Lionel Kreger, 24, Vancouver, won the D.C.M. in Italy for dismounting from an entrenched tank whose guns could not reach the enemy and holding a bridgehead with a Bren gun until help arrived.

Sgt. Melvin Foster McAuley, an infantryman of Garrick, Sask., won the D.C.M. in Italy for dashing to a disabled machine gun and repairing in time to stand off an enemy attack.

the swing be moved, but decided against removal at present as hollows might form under the swings and fill with water.

Some 120 Saanich children were attending Victoria high schools, D. R. McAdams, secretary, reported, when one parent said his son put in a term in Victoria and he did not want to move him till the end of the year, yet felt the additional cost was unfair. The board recommended that Inspector Gough communicate with Inspector H. Campbell, to arrange an adjustment. In Saanich, students whose families have moved to the city, have been kept on in the municipality's schools until completion of the school year.

Compliments on the board's progressive attitude and its year's work, including promotion of the newly-passed school building by-law, and institution of an improved salary schedule, were voiced by Inspector John Gough, who paid high tribute to the work done by Mrs. Francine Paterson, retiring trustee. She had been instrumental in improving the lot of teachers and pupils and in formation of a school circulating library, he said.

Martin Neilson, chairman, expressed his gratification at the success of the school building by-law, and said he was speaking for every member of the board.

A vote of thanks was passed by the board to Mr. McAdams for his work throughout the year and for his efforts in promotion of the school by-law.

Of the by-law, Mr. Gough said, "the passing of the by-law will mean a new deal for the children of Saanich and will permit improvements to be made within the Saanich school system that are long overdue."

**SWING CLAIM SETTLED**  
Following report of settlement of a claim for \$188 to the parents of a schoolboy injured on a school swing, trustees discussed the recommendation of the adjuster that concrete blocks under



CAPT. IAN GRANT  
... as example.

## Statement Shows Strong Position Of Dominion Bank

Figures in the 74th annual statement of the Dominion Bank, presented at the meeting of shareholders in Toronto, show a strong liquid position, substantially higher deposits, and an increase in investments and commercial loans, as a result of operations for the 12 months ending October 31, 1944.

The amount of total assets, which exceeds \$275,000,000, is the highest ever published in the bank's history.

Net profits totaled \$925,974, as compared with \$914,249 for the previous year, after allowing for Dominion government taxes of \$834,308, of which \$81,307 is refundable.

An amount of \$412,000 transferred from contingency reserves to profit and loss account for payment in respect of 1943 Dominion government taxes was arrived at after consultation with Department of Finance officials, who considered that the reserve made for bad debts in 1943 was in excess of requirements. Dominion government taxes for that year now total \$851,019, including the provision of \$439,019 made in last year's statement.

Profit and loss account now stands at \$1,071,725, to which has been transferred \$105,974 after providing for \$560,000 in dividends, \$110,000 towards officers' pension fund, and \$150,000 written off bank premises. Capital

stands at \$7,000,000 and reserve \$7,000,000, the same as last year. Deposits were higher by \$50,121,000 than last year, totaling \$247,839,000. Of these \$18,671,000 were non-interest bearing and \$34,835,000 interest bearing. Balances carried by Dominion and provincial government showed a decrease of about \$3,000,000.

The figure for cash assets, \$48,290,000, is over 19 per cent of liabilities to the public, and total quick assets of \$196,754,000 represent 77 per cent of these liabilities.

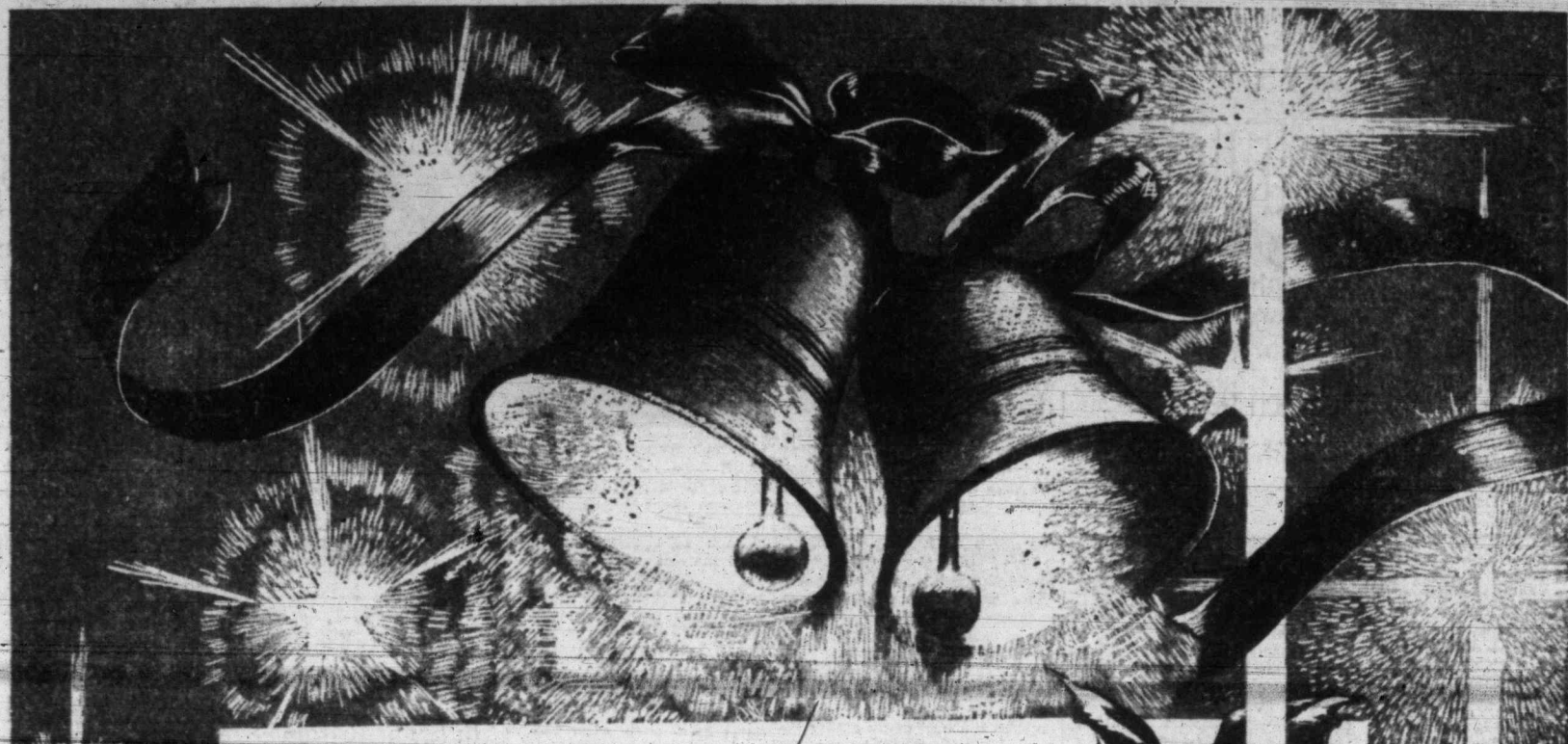
The bank holds in investment securities a total of \$143,636,000, an increase of \$38,869,000 over last year, the largest investment portfolio in the bank's history. These securities consist of Dominion and provincial government bonds to the amount of over \$139,000,000, and the balance, some \$4,000,000, in municipal and other high-grade securities.

Call loans remain about the same as last year. Commercial loans and discounts in Canada, however, increased by over \$5,500,000 to a total of \$63,759,000. Note circulation, further reduced

by some \$618,000 in compliance with statutory requirements, stands at \$1,462,000.

The amount of letters of credit, acceptances, etc., increased by \$869,000 to a total of \$6,150,000, and bank premises account, reduced by writing off \$150,000 during the year, at \$4,884,000.

The centenary of Stephen M. Babcock, who in 1890 perfected the Babcock milk test used almost universally to determine the percentage of butter fat in milk, occurred in December, 1943.



## This Christmas...



all is not well with the world—and we are not unmindful that there are many for whom there can be no Joy Bells. But in the heart of each of us there is still an abiding faith that ALL WILL BE WELL, and in the meantime it is the part of each one of us to keep alive the Spirit of Christmas as we would have it be, and as it should be. And at Wilson's once again we are happy to be able to do our part, in presenting merchandise which, if not as varied as ever, is still as desirable as ever.

### Useful Things for Men

- SMOKING JACKETS just arrived from England, from \$17.50.
- DRESSING GOWNS in rayon, silk and wool, from \$11.50.
- SPORTS JACKETS—A great variety of the best tailoring, from \$18.50.
- TIES—Here at least there is no shortage in quantity or variety.
- HANDKERCHIEFS—Swiss, Irish linen and lawn in many smart and lovely patterns and colors.
- MUFFLERS—Wool and silk, in colors and patterns to suit every taste, \$1.25 to \$10.00.
- BELTS with tongue and initial buckle, from \$1.00.
- NOTHING LIKE LEATHER—Billfolds, writing tablets and pocketbooks, all made in England.
- GLOVES in English leather, lined and unlined, from \$2.50.

### Lovely Things for Women

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- GLOVES—Just arrived. Capeskin fur-lined \$5.50. Angora mitts and gloves \$2.50 and \$5.00.
- SCARFS—Lovely British wool and East India silk, \$2.00 to \$7.00.
- SLIPPERS—Bunny fur mules \$7.50. Knitted woolies \$4.00.
- SPORTS SKIRTS—Shetlands, worsteds and gabardines, \$13.50 to \$25.00.
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- GIRLS' COATS, sizes 7 and up, \$15.00 to \$25.00. Fur-trimmed coats for little girls, sizes 8 and 6, \$15.00.



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## Terranova Scores Second Round Kayo

BROOKLYN (AP) — Phil Terranova, 127½, New York, former N.B.A. featherweight champion, scored a technical knockout over Leo Francis, 136, Panama, in 2:50 of the second round of their scheduled eight-rounder, at the Broadway Arena Tuesday night.

Terranova sent Francis down for a count of five in a second before referee Al Berle stopped the one-sided contest.



## Hudson's Bay Workers' Christmas Fun

The trials of Christmas shopping days were forgotten by Hudson's Bay Company employees Tuesday evening when the management of the company gave a gala Christmas party for approximately 800 merry-makers.

The dance floor was the space usually taken up by Toyland on the third floor, and hard-working committee members confessed with grins that they had "torn the works out between 5.30 and 7.30" to be ready for the party at 8.

All the joys of the Midway were to be had on payment of a smile and "phony money" that was distributed to everyone as they came in. A total of \$20 of the "money" was given everyone at the party and bingo, the wheels of fortune, houseie houseie and the other games were ringed three and four deep the entire evening. Department managers operated the concessions, but no one suggested that they were not on the up and up as prizes were distributed with a liberal hand, some lucky winners getting three and four.

Novelty dances were featured throughout the evening with dance music being supplied by Charlie Hunt and his orchestra. One that had the most spectacular appeal was the jitterbug contest, won by a fast-stepping sailor, George Noseworthy from Hamilton, Ont., and his equally agile partner, Doreen English.

Everyone was decked out in a gay paper hat worn at a precarious angle. Even Santa, who distributed the dance prizes and the paper hats, was having a gay time dancing with all the pretty store clerks and flirting with the others.

### NEW STAFF ACCOMMODATION

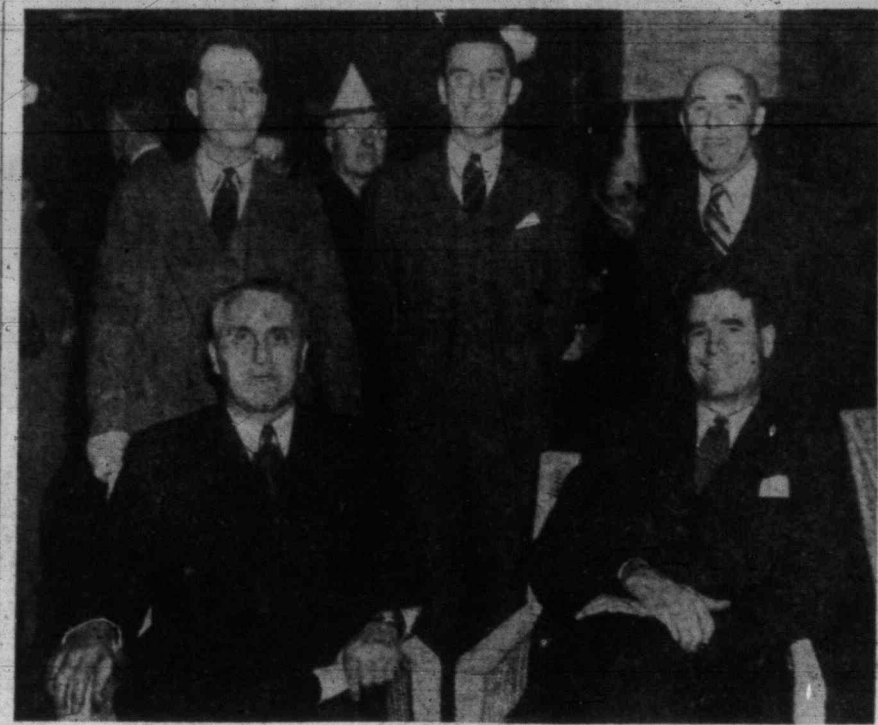
The staff were given the opportunity Tuesday night to inspect their new lounge, cafeteria and hospital facilities that have been installed on the mezzanine floor for their convenience. The rooms will be open for use Thursday and rival any similar facilities in Canada.

The hospital has two wards, one with twin beds and one with a single bed, an examination room complete with operating table, and a large waiting room. A nurse will be in attendance all the time and a doctor will hold clinics twice a week.

The lounge, situated where the post office and beauty parlors were formerly, is luxurious with deep easy chairs, soft rugs, sofas and a radio. The girls will be particularly entranced with the powder bar in one corner which has a complete semi-circle of mirrors, tables and benches of just the right height to accommodate them.

Finally there is the cafeteria with a coffee bar, refrigerator and a profusion of tables seating two or four persons. Here the employees will be served hot meals at cost price.

For those who were thirsty at the party there were case upon case of soft drinks, for those who were hungry a buffet supper was served from 10 to 11.15, with ham and chicken sandwiches, sausage rolls, cookies, cakes, ice cream, tea or coffee.



Store officials joined in the fun when 400 employees, together with their friends and families were given a Christmas party at the Bay. Seen above watching the dancing are, back row, left to right: E. W. H. Brown, president of the Beaver Club, the employees' organization; A. H. Bryant, personnel superintendent, and J. N. Horne, store controller. Seated, left to right: C. N. Chubb, store manager, and H. E. MacKenzie, assistant store manager.



Excitement was high around the different games of chance on the midway which were played with "phony money" distributed to all the merry-makers as they came in. The fine prizes were anything but "phony" however.

wiches, sausage rolls, cookies, cakes, ice cream, tea or coffee.

The hard-working committee that was in charge of all the arrangements that made the party

such a success were Miss M. Crossley, Mrs. E. Donaldson, Miss L. Fulton, Miss B. Borrowman, Miss S. McNeil, C. Walton, J. Walton, C. Bent, G. Wyatt and

E. W. H. Brown. They had lots of assistants, however, who were spelled off so that everyone had a chance to participate in the fun as well as help with the work.

Cattle have recently been finished, or put in condition for butchering, without pasturage or grain by use of a diet of lemon grass pulp and molasses feed, blackstrap molasses, and cottonseed, peanut or soybean meal.

Germany's principal oil wells are at Nienhagen, 18 miles from Hanover.

Aerial bombing is reported to have been initiated in the western Hemisphere by Pancho Villa, Mexican revolutionary leader, who in 1912 had home-made bombs of iron and dynamite dropped on his enemies.

New Zealand was discovered by the Maoris in the 13th century.

## Paris Canadian Club Resumes Meetings

PARIS (CP)—The Canadian Chamber of Commerce in Paris, for the first time since the occupation, is resuming its luncheons which were a weekly treat for Canadians living here. Chairman once more will be Victor Napoleon Siegel of Three Rivers, Que.

Before the war the meetings, usually attended by about 150 of the more than 750 Canadians living in Paris, were held in the Canadian National Railways hotel, The Scribe. This hotel, near the Opera, houses Allied Supreme Headquarters accredited war correspondents so the luncheons are being held elsewhere.

Before the war the group every year celebrated July 1 with a party in the Bois de Boulogne, and once a year, in November, made a pilgrimage to the Canadian memorial at Vimy.

"We will have other shrines to visit now," said Mr. Siegel, who has lived in France for 50 years.

The chairman has been behind bars since he last presided at a meeting. He spent six months in a concentration camp and when he was freed was forced to live quietly in the country in the south of France, away from Paris and his extensive shop outfitting business.

"They were hard years," he said. "And there was so little I could do."

Mr. Siegel came to France at the end of the last century "quite by accident on a business trip." He looked Paris over and decided he wanted to stay.

"Sometimes I think I was wrong to leave Canada; though I went back frequently before the war," he said.

After half a century, he's still strongly Canadian, deeply interested in all Canadian developments and the country's future.

"Canada is a great country, don't forget that," he said. "In a few years she will be one of the greatest countries in the world. Canadians have every right to be proud. I know, I've lived elsewhere in the world."

## Happy Issue Among 96 Nominations For \$100,000 Handicap

ARCADIA, Calif. (AP)—A field of 96 thoroughbreds, including Happy Issue, winner of the recent \$75,000 Hollywood Park Gold Cup race, was nominated Tuesday for the \$100,000 Santa Anita Handicap next March 3.

The list of nominees, which contains the names of winners of 38 established stakes in North America the past season, is the second largest in history of the classic inaugurated 10 years ago. The route will be over a mile and one-quarter, the same distance for which Happy Issue, filly owned by C. H. (French) Pinon, set a new Hollywood Park record of 2:01.3 last Saturday.

C. S. Howard leads the list of owners represented with five entries, while C. V. Whitney was next with four. Bull Reigh, Okana and Paperboy, which chased Happy Issue home in that order, are among Santa Anita's leading nominations.

### BATTERY TURKEY SHOOT

Results of the 203rd (Res.) A.A. Battery, R.C.A., annual turkey shoot, with 16 sub-section teams participating, four from each troop, saw A sub-section of 1st troop, under L.Sgt. C. A. Brown, emerge the final winners. Ten points per parade were awarded each member of the teams for attendance, to be added to the total of his range scores over the eight-week period of the shoot. Final results tallied, showed the winning sub-section to have only four absences, giving a very high total for attendance. Gnr. W. C. Cross, member of the winning team, had the highest score for the shoot—185 out of a possible 195.

Members of the winning sub-section are: L.Sgt. C. A. Brown, L.Sgt. S. N. Holman, Bdr. J. R. Davies, Gnr. C. L. Aylard, Gnr. W. C. Cross, Gnr. C. L. Frankham, Gnr. E. N. Gyles, Gnr. W. L. Pomeroy, Gnr. E. Potts.

### WINNIPEG HOCKEY

WINNIPEG (CP)—Winnipeg R.C.A.F. Bombers moved farther ahead in the Manitoba Interservices Senior Hockey League Monday night by coming from behind with a last-period spurt to defeat the Winnipeg Navy team, H.M. C.S. Chippewa, 5 to 4.

Neil Colville, former New York Ranger star, paced the Bombers with two unassisted goals. Army "crash boats" built to rescue U.S. flyers downed at sea, are 52-ton wood vessels 85 feet long and 20 feet wide; each is powered by two gasoline motors which develop 2,500 horsepower, making speed of 40 miles per hour possible.

## V.M.D. Holds Third Annual Banquet

"Live for a better Canada for the boys to come home to," D. R. Anderson, comptroller of the Victoria Machinery Depot, told more than 200 members of the shipyards and their friends, during an address given at the third annual banquet sponsored by the management and staff of V.M.D. in Crystal Garden, Tuesday evening.

"Make V.M.D. something in the industrial life of the country," Mr. Anderson said as he welcomed guests and spoke of shipyard matters of general interest. Following the banquet a brief program of speeches was held and then the gathering danced to the music of Bert Zala.

Mr. Anderson was chairman of the banquet and H. S. Hamill,

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general manager, spoke on behalf of the management. Murray Martindale replied to the toast to the guests, which followed the toast to the King. Special guests were 15 officers from the navy, army and air force.

At the head table were Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Hamill, Mr. and

Mrs. Murray Martindale, Mr. and Mrs. T. Moffet, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Cramb, Mr. and Mrs. H. Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Gilbert, D. M. Glass headed the committee which organized the banquet.

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OLIVES, WAGSTAFF'S STUFFED, 9-oz. bottle	43¢
McLAREN'S, Queen size, 16-oz. jar	47¢
McLAREN'S STUFFED, 6-oz. jar	33¢
ASPARAGUS TIPS, Fancy, 12-oz. tin	26¢
TOMATO JUICE, HEINZ, 20-oz. tin	11¢
Large 105-oz. tin	54¢
TOMATO KETCHUP, HEINZ, 14-oz. bottle	22¢
TOMATO SOUP, CAMPBELL'S, 3 tins	29¢

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LOGANBERRIES, per pkt.	29¢
BLACKBERRIES, per pkt.	30¢
PEACHES, pkt. 24¢	

## NUTS in the Shell

WALNUTS, large California, diamond budded, per lb.	60¢
ALMONDS, Spanish soft shells, per lb.	59¢
FILBERTS, Oregon, a lb.	60¢
PECANS, extra large, selected paper shells, a lb.	71¢
MIXED, per lb.	63¢
JORDAN ALMONDS, a lb.	1.23
PECANS, selected halves, per lb.	1.35
SALTED PEANUTS, fresh roasted, lb.	39¢

## SHELLED NUTS

JORDAN ALMONDS, a lb.	1.23
PECANS, selected halves, per lb.	1.35
SALTED PEANUTS, fresh roasted, lb.	39¢

## Wines

28-oz. bottle

57¢

CHRISTMAS CRACKERS, priced at	60¢
1.25 and	1.75
PINE TREE ASSORTED NUTS, fresh roasted, per 1/2 lb. packet	38¢
1-lb. packet	77¢
CHUTNEY SAUCE, BIG BEN, 9-oz. jar	23¢
WHOLE GREEN BEANS, ROYAL CITY, size 2s, per 20-oz. tin	14¢
GOLDEN CORN, AYLMEYER, Fancy, 20-oz. tin for	15¢

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## Wins Promotion In Italy Action

Following heroic action on the Italy front, 2nd Lt. Richard Bradley of the U.S. Army, has been promoted to the rank of full lieutenant. Married to Violet Harrison, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Harrison, Jasmine Avenue, Saanich, Bradley was born in Alberta and lived in Victoria for three years.

Public relations dispatch from the 5th Army said "despite frequent shelling, deep mud and a driving rain, 2nd Lt. Richard Bradley and his fellow combat engineers struggled all night to feed vital supplies across a hastily-strung high line to embattled infantrymen marooned near Castel Del Rio in Italy."

An American news account says stringing the line became necessary when rain swelled the normally narrow Saterno River, flooding the lone by-pass lifeline to Bradley's outfit in the 88th "Blue Devil" division of Lt. Gen. Mark Clark's 5th Army. High winds and lack of communication across the stream handicapped

engineers, but the line was completed after two hours.

Blood plasma for the wounded had top priority. Rations, one box at a time, came next, followed by communications equipment and ammunition. The engineers worked all night and were continually forced to take shelter from German bursts.

Bradley joined the U.S. Engineers shortly after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, Dec. 7, 1941, and has been overseas for more than half a year. He has a son, Richard, whom he has never seen.

## \$100,000 Building For Blind in B.C.

VANCOUVER (CP)—A British Columbia residence institution for the blind will be built in Vancouver at a cost of \$100,000, Capt. M. C. Robinson, national director for Western Canada of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind, announced Tuesday. Several well-known Vancouver businessmen have already contributed a sufficient sum toward the necessary total.

Object of the new move is to take care of those blind persons of B.C. who can not be satisfactorily housed with private families.

## More Entertainment For Troops in Burma

LONDON (CP)—A Christmas present from Prime Minister Churchill today was the promise to men serving in India and Burma that their beer and cigarette rations shortly will be increased and that they may soon have a chance to meet some women from home.

Discussion of lonely soldiers serving in distant outposts—whom critics of the government have labelled "forgotten men"—was staged in the House of Commons as the Prime Minister delivered a lengthy report on their welfare.

Mr. Churchill told the House steps were being taken to make life more enjoyable for the men, many of whom have been away from home more than three years.

He paid special tribute to British women who carry on social and entertainment work in the outposts.

"Steps are now being taken to encourage more British women—both those resident in India now and volunteers from home—to undertake this important and valuable contribution to the welfare of the troops," he said.



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—Toysland, Third Floor at THE BAY

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Portion of a letter received from Cpl. J. Galloway, Canadian Forestry Corps, now serving overseas.

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**It** is the sincere wish of all your fellow employees that next Christmas will have its fullest meaning, Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men... and that all of you, God granting, will be home with friends and family... home with those who love you best.

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# Sports Mirror

By PETE SALLAWAY

ONE OF the best-known racing authorities in the Pacific Northwest, Al Hardy was in town over the week-end. It was Al's first visit to Victoria since he last called the form chart at the Willows 10 years ago. Now located at Seattle where he is associated with the United States war manpower commission, Hardy has officiated as presiding steward at the Longacres track at Renton for the last five racing seasons.

STILL THE dapper fellow I knew in the days when he was calling them through the classes at the old Colwood plant and the Willows, Hardy is highly optimistic over the future of racing in the northwest. "Last season was the greatest in the history of the Washington track and next summer's meeting promises to surpass the fondest dream of our directors, that is, of course, unless something we cannot foresee takes place in the war in the Pacific and results in clamping down on sports activities."

HARDY is one racing official who is fully aware of the problem facing horse racing in North America through its tremendous growth in popularity in recent years. "Racing has made strides beyond the fondest expectations of its most enthusiastic supporters," Hardy said. "However, it has grown so big there is a chance it will collapse under its own weight unless handled right. There are a lot of fine, capable men at the reins at present and it is to be hoped the sport will remain under the control of such efficient operators in future years."

IN RECENT YEARS there has been considerable talk about a tie-up between Longacres and British Columbia racing associations to provide Victoria, Vancouver and Seattle with a summer of continuous racing. When questioned on the plan Hardy declared himself one of its strongest boosters. Only recently he was present at a meeting between Joe Gottstein, managing director of Longacres, and Sam Randall, president of the Vancouver-Thoroughbred Association, which controls racing at Vancouver and Victoria tracks, when further plans were made toward organizing a northwest circuit. "At present Longacres and Vancouver operate each summer with around 600 head at each plant," Hardy said. "Of this number around 200 horses at each track are first-class runners. If racing was operating under one circuit the total number of horses could be cut down to around 700 and of that number at least 400 would be first-class stock. Just think what improved programs could be offered. The racing would attract better stables and the calibre of racing would naturally improve tremendously. The same would hold true in the matter of jockeys. This plan would also enable the operators to provide continuous racing all summer. A meeting could end in Vancouver on a Saturday and resume again at Longacres on a Monday. Meetings of two or three weeks' duration each could be run. I think the plan is the real solution to any problems the operators might have in the northwest."

IN TALKING about last summer's meeting at Longacres Hardy came forth with the statement that the victory of the 15 to 1 shot, Hard Twist, in the \$10,000 Longacres Mile was the finest boost racing in Washington had experienced in recent years. "Victory for the unknown colt from Arizona gave the sport a tremendous lift and was really popular with the betting public," he said. Hardy then related an amusing incident at Longacres last season that had George Peters, owner of Hard Twist, as the leading figure. "One afternoon in the paddock, Peters cut loose with some language that was just a little too strong and I fined him \$200," Hardy said. "When informed of my action Peters, who is a real Arizona cowboy and walks around in a 10-gallon hat and high-heeled shoes remarked in his slow drawl: 'Mr. Hardy that is the only way a lot of people in Arizona know how to talk.'"

## Bell Beats Hunter, Will Meet Robinson

CLEVELAND (AP)—Tommy Bell of Youngstown, O., earned himself a Jan. 16 bout with Ray (Sugar) Robinson by blasting Cleveland's Chuck Hunter all over the ring Tuesday night in a 10-rounder before 6,482.

action-packed affairs in recent Cleveland ring history, with both fighters standing toe to toe and throwing leather through most of the bout.

Bell weighed 143, a pound more than Hunter.

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## Play Tonight



NORM BAKER



PORKY ANDREWS

When Pat Bay Gremlins battle Northwest League All-Stars at Seattle tonight at the High School gym, in the first of two intercity basketball engagements, Baker and Andrews will be on the starting line-up of the Gremlins. This pair are expected to handle a good percentage of the scoring for the air force crew. The Seattle quintette boasts some of the finest hoop material in the northwest and Gremlins are certain to be extended all the way to win. Second game will be played tomorrow evening. Program each night will start at 7 with the feature cued for 8.

## Cowley Ties Blake For Scoring Lead

Bill Cowley, Boston, moved into a first-place tie with Toe Blake, Montreal Canadiens, for National Hockey League scoring leadership by collecting one point as Bruins took a 6 to 3 defeat from Detroit last night.

Herbie Cain, Boston, picked up one point to tie for fifth place with Clint Smith, Chicago, and Syd Howe, Detroit. Other scoring leaders were: G. A. Laidlaw, Montreal Canadiens, 13 points; E. J. Connelley, Boston, 12; Lach, Canadiens, 11; Richard, Canadiens, 10; Smith, Chicago, 9; Howe, Detroit, 8; Marshall, Boston, 7.

Results of matches in the city chess tournament at the City Chess Club headquarters, 1118 Langley Street, follow:

A Section—S. Turner 1, P. W. Platt 0; K. S. Patrick 1, P. W. Platt 0; S. Turner 1, P. W. Platt 0; K. S. Patrick 1, P. W. Platt 0; S. Turner 1, P. W. Platt 0; K. S. Patrick 1, P. W. Platt 0.

B Section—J. Marshall 1, H. Perry 0; E. J. Connelley 1, H. Perry 0; J. Marshall 1, H. Perry 0; E. J. Connelley 1, H. Perry 0; J. Marshall 1, H. Perry 0; E. J. Connelley 1, H. Perry 0.

Standing of the leaders follow:

A Section—S. Turner 4, P. W. Platt 3, K. S. Patrick 2, E. J. Connelley 1, H. Perry 0.

B Section—J. Marshall 4, H. Perry 3, E. J. Connelley 2, K. S. Patrick 1, S. Turner 0.

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AN GET A LOOK AT WHAT SALLY SASSON IS IT'S A FRIGHT!

## Year's Sports Polls

### Browns Big Surprise

#### Gorman Will Seek Protection For Canadiens' Stars

MONTREAL (CP)—Tommy Gorman, manager of Montreal Canadiens, announced Sunday he would make a formal protest to Mervyn (Red) Dutton, president of the National Hockey League, over the manner other N.H.L. clubs have been treating Maurice Richard, Habitués' star right-winger.

"It is quite evident," Gorman said after consulting with Coach Dick Irvin, "that players are being sent out on the ice to trip, hold, wrestle and block Richard by any means, legitimate or otherwise."

"Richard can take care of himself in a stand-up fight and does not require our help in that connection. But they have formed the 'Wreck Richard Club' and we are not going to let them get away with it. Maurice is one of the cleanest players in the N.H.L. He is entitled to protection and we are going to ask the referees to be instructed to give it to him."

"Toronto Leafs are the worst offenders. Frank Clancy, Bert Hedges and other N.H.L. referees will be asked to eliminate the interference. Not only with Richard but with Blake, Lach, O'Connor and other Canadiens players. It is time a halt was called to this kind of hockey."

### Fred Hughes New Fish, Game Head

Affairs of the Victoria Fish and Game Protective Association will be guided for the next 12 months by Fred Hughes, who was elected president at the annual meeting Tuesday evening.

The complete slate of new officers follows: President, F. J. Hughes; Vice-president, G. E. Laird; secretary, E. T. Godson; recording secretary, R. T. Brindle; executive committee, J. Skelton, M. Thom, J. Stevenson, H. Aylmer, H. Luney, R. Nex, M. Grossman and T. Dicks; up-island delegates, T. Roberts and G. Sword; finance and auditing committee, W. Christopher, J. King, T. McConnan and S. Jenkins.

Unanimous support was given a resolution to be submitted to Commissioner T. W. S. Parsons of the B.C. Police, urging that bush-trained bloodhounds be purchased by the government and retained for the express purpose of searching for persons lost in the woods.

The association went on record as being opposed to the use of salmon roe in the taking of trout anywhere on Vancouver Island.

A vote of thanks was tendered the delegates for their report on the meeting of the Island Fish and Game Association at Nanaimo recently.

J. H. Jewkes, retiring president, outlined the activities of the organization during his term of office and thanked the members of the executive for their co-operation. A hearty vote of thanks was given to all retiring officers.

GORGE VALE GOLF

In the two-ball mixed four-somes competition for the Hill Cup at the Gorge Vale Golf Club, Mrs. R. Rickinson and S. W. Spaven were the winners with a score of 77½. Mrs. H. Jones and G. Petch and Mrs. R. Davidson and H. H. Ashton tied for second with scores of 81.

In the medal competition for turkeys, W. Allen was first with a net 73, with G. Goodenough and S. Nilon tied for second with 76.

## Oregon Cagers Win Second Straight From Thunderbirds

VANCOUVER (CP)—The University of Oregon Webfeet made it two straight over the University of British Columbia Thunderbirds when they defeated the Canadian quintette 63 to 59 here Tuesday night.

Oregon won the first game of the two-game series by a 55 to 51 count Monday.

Oregon held the lead most of the game. The Thunderbirds took a two-point lead midway through the final period. That was the only time they were in front.

Star for the Webfeet was tall Ken Hays who led the scoring parade with 16 points. Dick Wilkins, also of Oregon, and Sandy Robertson of U.B.C. each tallied 15 points.

The contest reached a peak of excitement during the last four minutes when the Thunderbirds surged ahead 57 to 56. Wilkins put Oregon back on top and captain Bob Hamilton won the game when he scored two free throws.

CANADIAN BOXER WINS

HARTFORD, Conn. (CP)—Patsy Grodono, 147, Toronto, won a technical knockout victory over Aekie Conners, 144, New York, in the seventh round of a scheduled eight-round boxing bout here Tuesday night. Conners argued to no avail that he could continue despite a badly cut mouth.

SUMMARY

First period—1, Boston, Cain (Crawford), 10-47. 2, Detroit, Grosso, 15-23. Penalties—Grosso, Simon, Egan, A. Jackson.

Second period—3, Detroit, Quackenbush, 4-13. 4, Boston, Smith (Mario, Cupolo), 4-57. 5,

## Detroit Winner 6-3 To Take Over Second

If there's one man on Jack Adams' Detroit Red Wings who'll make every effort to see Wings come out on top when they play Boston Bruins it's the motor city's team captain, Bill Hollett—the 32-year-old defenceman who has earned the nickname, "Flash." And that is exactly what happened last night in Boston's own back yard.

After deadlocking the Bruins three times, Wings rapped home four tallies in the final period to score a 6 to 3 victory and take over second place in the National Hockey League standing, ahead of Toronto Maple Leafs. For the record, Flash Hollett scored the winning goal.

The feud between Hollett and Art Ross' Bruins started last year when Ross traded him to Detroit for Pat Egan. Since then Bruins and Wings have met 11 times, and the Beantown boys have lost all 11 tilts.

New York Rangers are at Chicago tonight and then travel east to Detroit to meet Wings on Thursday.

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## Hockey Standings

	N.H.L.	Goals
	W. L. D. F. A. Pts.	
Canadiens	13 4 2 72	46 28
Detroit	10 5 3 80	56 23
Toronto	10 6 2 66	57 22
Boston	8 11 1 85	94 17
Chicago	3 10 2 32	76 8
Rangers	2 10 4 51	77 8

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## Noted Homes of Early-Day Victoria

By J. K. N.

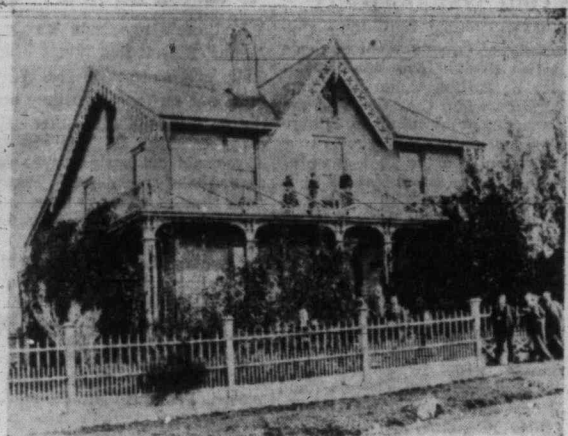
There is an old saying—that a house is not a home until there have been in it at least one birth, one death and one marriage.

If this be true, then indeed "Wentworth Villa" is a home. It has been hallowed by all the great occasions of life. This residence is one of the oldest still standing in Victoria. It was erected in 1862. Once it was one of Victoria's best known and most gracious homes. Hardly anyone in Victoria today remembers "Wentworth Villa" as such, but most people here know the white-painted old home, now an antique shop, at 1156 Fort Street hill, on the left near Linden Avenue going to Oak Bay from the city. That was "Wentworth Villa" and the home of the Ellas.

It is 82 years now since "Wentworth Villa" was built, but its timbers, California redwood, are as good as the day Capt. and Mrs. H. B. Ella stood proudly and admired its fine lines and the elaborate fancywork of the eaves. Capt. Ella, of the Hudson's Bay Company, arrived here in the sailing ship *Tory*, fellow passengers of Senator W. J. Macdonald, who built "Armada."

### 1855 MARRIAGE

One of the prized possessions of the Archives is the diary of the Martha Cheney, telling of the days she spent with her uncle and aunt on their Metchoin farm. July 15, 1855, is this entry: "I was married to Mr. Ella by the Rev. Mr. Cridge. We were married at home by special license. It was a beautiful day, but very warm. We had a large dinner party. And a tent made out-of-doors, it being too warm in the house for so many. The governor (Douglas) and his family honored us with their company and besides them were Mr. and Mrs. Langford and family (they had also been passengers on the *Tory*). Capt. and Mrs. Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. Barr, the two Miss Reids (sisters-in-law of Senator Macdonald), Mrs. Muir and family, Mr. Newton, Mr. Pierce and Mrs. McKay. Miss Mary Langford was bridesmaid and Mr. Thomas Cooper



"WENTWORTH VILLA"

bridesman. The British man-of-war *Brisk* came into the harbor the same day. Mr. Tyne, one of the midshipmen, called here to report to the governor."

In 1873, when crossing Burrard Inlet in a canoe, Capt. Ella was drowned, but until 1911 his wife lived at "Wentworth Villa." There her family grew up and married, there her grandchildren were born, there she and Mrs. Ellakorn died. First-born at the Villa was Henry Ella, who died here in 1941, more than 70 years of age. Last-born there was George Nesbitt, now in Italy with the Canadian Army and grandson of Capt. and Mrs. Ella.

There is only one person who can now give a personal glimpse into life at "Wentworth Villa." She is Mrs. Spencer Barnes of Vancouver, granddaughter of the Ellas and sister of George Nesbitt.

### FIREPLACES

"There were 14 rooms," recalls Mrs. Barnes from the memories of her visits as a small girl. "Seven rooms were downstairs and seven up. There were five bedrooms—nine of the rooms had fireplaces and over each hung a lovely mirror—all the fireplaces in winter were kept burning with coal fires. On all the mantels were china figures and crystal candlesticks and shells which my grandfather collected on his travels. The windows in all the rooms were from

floor to ceiling. And I remember all the dressers and washstands had marble tops."

Capt. and Mrs. Ella had seven children—four daughters and three sons.

One of the weddings at "Wentworth Villa" was in 1878 when Marion (May) Ella was married to Samuel Nesbitt Jr., eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Nesbitt, who lived farther up Fort Street at "Erin Hall," in Carberry Gardens. The ceremony took place at Reformed Episcopal Church, with Bishop Cridge officiating. After the service, a reception was held at the Ella home.

When Mrs. Ellakorn celebrated her 80th birthday there was a happy party at "Wentworth Villa." A newspaper of the day described it: "A memorable gathering was held at the residence of Mrs. Ella on Fort Street—both young and old assembled to do honor to the lady who, notwithstanding her great age, took an active part in the pleasures of the evening. Dancing and conversation occupied the evening. Mrs. Ellakorn has crowned a useful life with a beautiful old age."

It was Mrs. Ellakorn who gave the site for the first hospital in Victoria, at the southeast corner of Yates and Broad Streets, where the Ellakorns and Ellas lived when they moved into town from the Metchoin farm.

### TRAIL TO FORT

"Wentworth Villa" for some years had the distinction of being



A family group at "Wentworth Villa" . . . Capt. and Mrs. Ella and their children, with Mrs. Thomas Ellakorn in the centre. The children . . . Annie, Louise, Tommy, Marion, Henry, Fred and Mary.

the largest private residence in this province. When it was first built there was only a trail through the woods to connect it with the old fort, at the foot of Fort Street. It stood well out in the country in those days.

Tom Ella, one of the sons, who died in 1926, often said that he had eaten 60 consecutive Christmas dinners under the roof of the old home. Christmas, for many years, was the traditional

gathering time of the whole Ella clan.

The story of the Ellas is one of the most pleasant in the book of old Victoria—a young man and a young woman, newly arrived from the Old World; happiness and marriage, sorrow, a large family, a lovely home. There are no Ellas left now; only descendants are Mrs. Barnes and her brother and two great-grandchildren, Marion and Roland, the son and daughter of Mrs. Barnes.

### DOMINION THEATRE

Ann Wilton, who plays the part of Miss Edge, the down-trodden schoolmistress of the Regency era in "The Man in Grey," currently at the Dominion Theatre, has been working in the Foreign Office for two years and was specially released to act in the film.

Miss Wilton, an actress of some twenty years' experience, was blighted out of three London theatres and her own home. She then went on tour with Fay Compton in "Family Portrait" and they were blighted out of nearly every theatre they appeared at. So Miss Wilton gave up acting for a time and took a post at the War Office.

### Where To Go Tonight

(As Advertised)

ATLAS—"The Forest Rangers" starring Fred MacMurray.

CADET—"Rationing" starring Gene Tierney.

CAPITOL—"Laura," starring Gene Tierney.

DOMINION—"The Man in Grey," starring Jas. Mason.

OAK BAY PLAZA—"Footlight Glamour" starring the Bumsteads.

RIO—"The Purple Heart," starring Dana Andrews.

YORK—"The Purple Heart," starring Dana Andrews and Robert Cummings in "King's Row."

### 'Y' Girls Present Christmas Ceremony

"Y" Clubs, H-Y girls from Victoria schools and residence girls at the Y.W.C.A. were included in the annual "hanging of the greens" ceremony attended by 125 in the lounge, Tuesday evening. Carol singing was led by Mrs. W. H. Wilson with Mrs. C. Conyers as pianist and the Y.W.C.A. Choral Club also gave several Christmas favorites.

Christmas decorations included a tree trimmed in blue and silver and a fireplace carrying out the same color scheme over which was hung a picture of the three wise men following the star. Cedar boughs and holly decked the lounge while a mural done by the "Y" girls was used in the main clubroom.

A Christmas play, "God Bless Our House" was presented with the following cast: Candlebearer, June Short; five wails, Evelyn Wells, Monica Whitehead, Margaret Creasey, Marilyn McKenzie. Guests included Miss Margaret Wightman, Y.W.C.A. secretary; Mrs. S. H. Frame and Mrs. W. G. Hamilton, representing the board.

## Newcomer to Film Happy As Villain

Robert Shayne, a newcomer to films for whom Warner Bros. had such high hopes they gave him a term contract, was pretty pleased with his first assignment under the deal. He played a villain.

"The most thoroughly no good, unregenerate, unlikeable character I've ever seen," Shayne described the part. "I play a cur named Costello who operates a honky-tonk and a chain of vaudeville houses in 1906 for 'Shine on Harvest Moon' and I spend most of my evil time pursuing Ann Sheridan. That's why I like it. Miss Sheridan is very pursuable."

"Shine on Harvest Moon" is the attraction coming tomorrow to the York Theatre, and stars Ann Sheridan and Dennis Morgan.

## 'The Purple Heart' Zanuck's Best Show

The producer who has brought you many of your greatest screen thrills—Darryl F. Zanuck—brings you what preview reports acclaim his greatest, with "The Purple Heart," coming today to the Rio Theatre.

Featured in the astounding drama of Yanks bombing Tokyo are Dana Andrews, Richard Conte, Farley Granger, Kevin O'Shea, Donald Barry, Trudy Marshall and Sam Levene. Lewis Milestone directed "The Purple Heart."

## Movie Glorifies Forest Rangers

"Forest Rangers" at the Atlas Theatre today and Thursday is a real action yarn of the northwestern Pacific. Fred MacMurray as the ranger and Paulette Goddard as the ranger's wife, Plugged by a firebug, Fred tracks down a clue and comes back with a wife. Lynn Overman whips out some good comedy. This all-technicolor production is produced by Robert Sisk and directed by George Marshall.

### OAK BAY AND PLAZA THEATRES

Ann Savage was delighted when Columbia Pictures cast her in a featured role in their latest "Blondie" comedy, "Footlight Glamour," in which she may currently be seen, along with Penny Singleton and Arthur Lake, at the Oak Bay and Plaza Theatres. For Ann feels—and not without good reason—that an appearance in one of these films is a definite step toward stardom, under the Columbia banner.

### CAPITOL THEATRE

Celebrated star of the Broadway stage, Clifton Webb makes his eagerly-awaited screen debut in "Laura," the new 20th Century-Fox psychological drama of romance and murder which is currently at the Capitol Theatre. Also featured in the brilliant cast are Gene Tierney and Dana Andrews.

### CADET THEATRE

Adorable Dorothy Morris, one of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's rapidly rising stars, tallies her greatest screen role to date in "Rationing," the comedy with a point, now at the Cadet Theatre. In the top cast of the picture are Wallace Beery and Marjorie Main. Tommy Batten is Dorothy's love life in the film, which treats rationing in a light vein for a real entertainment treat.

## FAMOUS PLAYERS THEATRES

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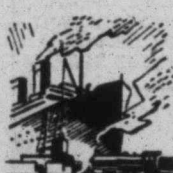
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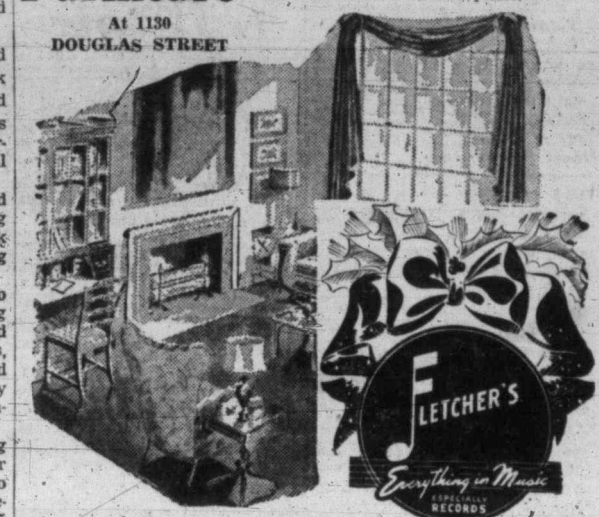
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B.C. Tourist Travel  
Being Well Kept Up

British Columbia, under war conditions, has had an exceptionally good tourist travel year, the government's travel bureau, under the Department of Trade and Industry, said today.

"Reports from all resorts indicate a very satisfactory volume of business and a general feeling of optimism prevails for the future of this most important industry," E. G. Rowbottom, assistant commissioner of the travel bureau said. "Almost all the tourist resorts indicate their intention of adding to their present facilities and are developing additional attractions wherever possible."

Mr. Rowbottom said there is a decided reaction in favor of the department's suggestion for the formation of a report owners' association throughout the province, several areas already having moved in that direction. "This movement cannot fail to induce its members to promote and develop high class accommodation and services for the traveling public and strengthen and co-operate business relations among its members. It will also assist in bringing tourist accommodation in British Columbia into line with highest standards prevailing on this continent," Mr. Rowbottom said.

## C.D. Prizes Presented

Individual prizes to all members of Esquimalt civil defence teams taking part in the provincial field day held last month at the Bay Street Armories were presented at a recent meeting by Reeve Thomas Hadfield. Also present were H. W. V. Pecknold, Esquimalt controller, and H. Church, first aid officer. Recipients were: Mrs. K. Elston, captain of No. 5 Post; Mrs. D. Laidler, Mrs. A. Wright, Mrs. M. Fry, Mrs. M. McRae, Mrs. Joan Thompson, captain of No. 3 Post; Mrs. C. Smart, Mrs. K. Rickerson, Mrs. R. Jeanes and Miss W. Godsmark.

## Maintain Casualty Unit If Civil Defence Ends

Whether or not civil defence services here are demobilized, the Victoria District 5 Civil Defence unit will carry on its casualty service in which 63 fully-trained women are enrolled. This announcement was made today by T. A. Cresswell, district warden, following the last meet-

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Mouth-watering menus and plans for the injection of the real Christmas spirit are underway for the Navy, Army and Air Force for the holiday season. For some there will be five days' Christmas leave. Others will get new year's leave.

At H.M.C.S. Dockyard, Esquimalt, at noon Christmas Day, Wrens will go down to the mess-deck to share the feast with the seamen. For ships attached to the base, special provisions will be shipped before they put to sea. Aboard and ashore, the navy will observe the old custom of having the youngest rating take over the captain's round and wearing his uniform. Some young ratings, as yet unnamed, will be resplendent in the four-ringed and bemedalled jacket of Capt. P. Barry German.

## 1,000 POUNDS OF CAKE

H.M.C.S. Givenchy's galley has been busy for the past month. Baking of 175 Christmas cakes took a week, and total 1,000 pounds in weight, some reaching the weight of 11 pounds. Christmas puddings took a week to cook.

On Christmas Eve there will be one-half hour of carol singing. At 6, Christmas evening, the Y.M.C.A. will put on a program, organized by Mrs. Bessie Duncanson. A movie will start the entertainment, at 7:30 girls will arrive. Tickets will be handed out and partners sought by matching numbers. Following a sing-song, a dance will start at 8, a buffet supper at 10, and 11 will see the end of the day. Another dance will be held Dec. 28.

The Navy menu reads: Fruit cocktail, puree of tomato soup, lettuce, and stuffed celery, roast turkey with dressing, Old Country gravy, cranberry sauce, cold, sliced, boiled ham, candied pota-

toes, roast potatoes, brussels sprouts, plum pudding and hard sauce, Christmas cake, mince tarts, assorted fresh fruit, mixed nuts, raisins, tea, coffee and milk.

## PARTIES FOR CHILDREN

In the army, leave will be split up in the same way as in the navy, half for Christmas, half for New Year's.

Christmas dinner, however, will be held Thursday, to give all a chance to take part. Christmas parties for the children have been arranged, and barracks are bright with decorations.

On Dec. 21, the soldier will be "top dog" as officers act as hosts and wait on the men. For the holiday season, a skeleton staff will keep things in running order.

In every army post, near or far from the cities, the menu will be much the same and as tempting as that prepared for the troops closer in.

The army menu reads: Tomato cocktail; stuffed celery; green olives; lobster salad; dressing; stuffed young turkey; cranberry sauce; giblet gravy; creamed potatoes; garden peas; English plum pudding; hard sauce; Christmas fruit cake; Canadian cheese; mixed nuts; mixed candies; fresh fruit; bread; rolls and butter; coffee; and beer.

The Air Force, too, has its special leave and through this week parties have been and will be held for the children. Messes are decorated in stations throughout the province.

Similar to the army custom, the airmen will be waited on by officers and N.C.O.s as they tuck into their Christmas fare. The menu, though not available in its entirety, is known to include all the glories of the menus of their companion services, and will range literally from soup to nuts, with accent on the turkey.

## Weighs Herself, Loses Purse

Mrs. Hazel McGregor, 632 Raynor Avenue, stepped into a drug store to test her weight Monday morning at 10. She placed on a chair her shopping basket and black pouch purse, containing articles of sentimental value to her as well as \$29 in cash. She forgot to pick up the purse on leaving. When she returned a minute later it had disappeared.

Mrs. McGregor has been upset since as in the purse was a gold locket, which her son, now in the Royal Canadian Navy, had worn on his watch chain, and had given her before joining the service. In the locket was a picture of the son when a boy, and a picture of his little child.

There was also a picture of Mrs. McGregor's daughter, who has been in hospital for two years. The picture was taken when she was in good health and the mother prizes it.

Mrs. McGregor also had her bank book, ration book, registration card and cash, but she does not mind the loss of these as much as the disappearance of the pictures of her children, which she says she cannot replace. She hopes they will be returned to her.

Mrs. McGregor, who is a native daughter, was taking her young son to see a doctor when she stopped to weigh herself.

B.C.'s 4 Basic Industries  
Produced \$305,000,000 in '44

B.C.'s four basic industries — lumbering, fishing, mining and agriculture — are this year officially valued at \$305,000,000, an increase of about \$5,000,000 over last year, according to preliminary approximate figures gathered at the Parliament Buildings today.

Most valuable of the industries — lumbering — is valued at \$124,000,000, compared with \$118,000,000 last year. This increase is due to a greater log scale, better returns on higher grade lumber and an increase in spruce output.

The agricultural industry is this year second highest — approximately \$100,000,000, compared with \$86,000,000 in 1943. Output of mines has dropped to its lowest since the depression — \$50,000,000, compared with \$65,000,000 in 1943 and \$75,000,000 in 1941.

Fisheries production has dropped from \$32,500,000 a year ago to about \$31,000,000 this year.

By train, boat, bus and plane Canadians are heading for home to spend the holiday season. So report travel agents in Victoria who have, for several weeks, been having a hectic time trying to fit reservations in and see to it that everyone gets to his or her destination on time.

At the present time there are no steamers or boats left on the boats leaving here Friday and Saturday nights, but the Sunday night boat is still not completely filled.

Rail traffic east from Vancouver is particularly heavy and will remain so for at least the next three weeks both the C.P.R. and C.N.R. report with those going and returning from their holiday trips.

Some far-sighted travelers began making their reservations as far back as October and now there is very little chance of obtaining one for the pre and post-holiday period. Although the railway companies will do all in their power to carry everyone passenger agents here feared there

might be some left on the Vancouver depot on some occasions, because as one man expressed it, "Vancouver is the bottleneck for the whole coast, with everyone who has to go east converging there."

There are more servicemen traveling than civilians, although the service travel from the island, except for Navy personnel has dropped off some this year with the closing of a number of camps. However, this does not mean that civilian traffic is light by any means, they are on the move, too, to visit friends and families for Christmas.

"The air lines are pretty well booked up from Dec. 22 on, although a passenger agent pointed out there is always the possibility of someone canceling a reservation and making space available. The planes are more dependent on weather and there is a chance that it might be necessary to cancel some flights."

Bus companies anticipate that the travel up-island will be particularly heavy this year also.

was locked up, was recalled by Mr. Patton, who also produced Constables F. B. Woodcock and Robert Morris for cross-examination.

Stuart Henderson, defence counsel, made no statement prior to commitment.

One person was found guilty of falling to have a radio license, and a second pleaded guilty to a similar charge. Both were fined \$1 and ordered to pay \$2.50 costs.

Four motorists paid \$2.50 parking fines.

600,000 Letters  
Set Mail Record  
Monday and Tuesday

Victorians appear to have the bulk of their Christmas mail in the hands of the post office. Postmaster G. H. Gardiner reported today after heaviest mailings in the history of the post office here Monday and Tuesday.

On Monday and Tuesday more than 600,000 letters went through the canceling machines and approximately three-quarters of these were local letters. By midnight tonight Mr. Gardiner estimates the postal employees will have everything well under control and the worst of the Christmas rush will be over. At the present time they are approximately 24 hours behind.

The heaviest two days ever recorded previously had only 400,000 letters he reported. What has placed such a heavy strain on the post office this year is the fact that the peak for letters and cards has come two days earlier than usual, at the same time that the heavy parcel mailing is taking place.

Today, however, the post office lobby is virtually deserted. Mail is still coming in slowly from the east. There was no eastern mail in this morning at all, probably because late trains missed the boat connection.

Guilty On 3 Counts  
Under Wartime Laws

James S. Clark, former postman and fireman, of 319 Chestnut Avenue, was found guilty in city court today by Magistrate H. C. Hall on three Wartime Price and Trade Board counts involving gasoline and tires.

The first charge was heard last week and remained until today for judgment. J. B. Clearhue, K.C., crown counsel, alleged Clark last April 1 in applying for a special gasoline ration, made a false statement in saying he was employed by himself as a painter and decorator. Prosecution evidence showed Clark at that time was employed by the post office, and later as a city fireman. J. McKenna, defence counsel, showed Clark did certain painting and decorating jobs before and after that date in his spare time.

Magistrate H. C. Hall described the accused's statement as being not even a half truth. He said he believed Clark had deliberately attempted to mislead the government.

Other two charges were that false statements were made in applying for tires. Clark will be sentenced Friday.

Business Card Saved  
Evening of Worry

This is one of the stories so difficult to believe. A Victoria woman, carrying a suitcase, on her way to pick up a new dress late Tuesday afternoon, was given a lift by a kindly motorist.

Being an enterprising businesswoman he handed his unknown woman passenger his calling card as she left the car. A few minutes later, in the dressmaker's shop, she realized she didn't have her purse, in which was more than \$100 and a valuable diamond ring. Horrified, she didn't know what to do. Then, suddenly, she remembered the man's card. On it was a telephone number. She telephoned. The man hadn't seen the purse, but the car was in his garage and he would have a look. Sure enough, the purse was there; in 10 minutes the man's small boy, on his bicycle, showed up at the dressmaker's with it and the woman rewarded him with a bill.

If it hadn't been for that business card, the woman would have spent an unhappy evening, for the motorist wouldn't have found the purse, in which there were identification papers, until the morning, and perhaps not then, for it was in the back seat.

## Drill Team Concert

Patricia Laeger will be guest artist at the seventh annual concert of the Victoria Girls' Drill Team, Thursday at 8, at the Shrine auditorium. Dances and solos will be featured in the program which will include 20 numbers.

Warren Martins heads the control committee of the organization and members are W. J. Clarke, J. V. Johnson, V. Corry, J. E. Neery. Grace McLeod Hill is musical director and Capt. Norman Foster is director and trainer of the team.

## AUTOGRAPH BOOKS

Donald A. Fraser, the well-known Victoria poet, will be at Diggon-Hibben tomorrow afternoon to autograph copies of his delightful book of poems "Century."

Friday night will be Boy Scout night at the Cadet Theatre when a percentage of the box office receipts will be devoted to the Esquimalt Boy Scout and Cub funds.

## C.D. Disbandment

Just returned from a meeting with civil defence chiefs in Vancouver, Capt. E. D. W. Leven, Saanich controller, said today no further progress had been made towards demobilization of the B.C. civil defence organization composed of more than 60,000 personnel.

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**Winnipeg, Manitoba, December 19th, 1944.**

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**Plans and Specifications, etc., may be**—obtained from the Public Works Office, Court House, Vancouver, or from the undersigned on deposit of a sum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) which will be refunded upon the return of the plans, etc., in good condition within a period of one month of the receipt of tenders.

**Each tender must be accompanied by**—an accepted cheque, made payable to the Minister of Public Works, for the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) which shall be forfeited if the tenderer declines to enter into contract, or if he fails to complete the work contracted for.

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**Tenders must be made out on the**—forms supplied and enclosed in the envelopes furnished.

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**A. L. CARUTHERS, Chief Engineer,** Department of Public Works, Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B.C., December 18, 1944. P.W.M. 125.

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# With Our Servicemen



Sgt. R. W. "Bob" Macmurchie will not be home for Christmas, so celebrations were held early for the benefit of "Baby Joe" Macmurchie, who is pictured above with his father, Sgt. Macmurchie, and his mother, at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. C. Macmurchie, 2404 Cook Street. Sgt. Macmurchie joined the R.C.O.C. two and a half years ago, and had been stationed in Prince Rupert until recently when he transferred to the C.I.C. Prior to enlisting he was employed at Begg Motor Co. Ltd. He is well known in Victoria as a basketball referee.



Pte. M. G. C. Grant, 22, R.C.A.F., who has completed 37 operational flights. Born and educated here, Grant was manager of the Fernwood branch of the Cross Street Market, until he enlisted in 1942. He went overseas in July, 1942, to H.M.C.S. Edmundston, and served on convoy duty on the North Atlantic. He saw action in the Bay of Biscay. He later served at H.M.C.S. Queens as training officer, and is now performing the same duties at H.M.C.S. Chippewa, Winnipeg.

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Pte. Clifford J. Blake, R.C.E.M.E., elder son of Pte. L. and Mrs. A. J. Blake of Kamloops, formerly of Victoria, is now stationed in Holland, after service in France and Belgium. Pte. Blake was employed with the Hudson's Bay Co. for two years before joining up in September, 1942. He went overseas in July, 1943.



Pte. Richard Burnett, Veterans' Guard of Canada, who is home on leave with his wife and family at 624 Belton Avenue. He enlisted in March, 1941, and has been stationed at Medicine Hat. In Great War I he joined the 8th Bn. R.C.F. in 1916 and served in France.

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Pte. Robert Ferguson, 23, of Vancouver, whose wife and small daughter are spending Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Latta, 1424 Begbie Street, has been wounded in action in Holland while serving with the Seaforth Highlanders. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Ferguson, live at Courtenay.



Pte. Alfred Nelson, 22, has been wounded in action on the western front and is now a prisoner of war. Born and educated in Victoria, he is the son of Mrs. Allen Nelson, 722 Kings Road. With the Calgary Highlanders, he has been overseas three years.

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## Post-War Problems Demand Best in Statesmanship; Responsibility, Co-operation of All Groups Needed

### 74th Annual Meeting of Shareholders THE DOMINION BANK

Must be on our guard not to permit the socialization which has led up to dictatorship in other countries, says C. H. Carlisle, President.

Robert Rae, General Manager, Analyzes financial report and notes year of steady progress by bank.

Canadian banks in strong position to help solve difficulties facing Canada after the war.

At the 74th Annual Meeting of The Dominion Bank, held at the Head Office in Toronto on Wednesday, December 13th, the President and the General Manager addressed the Shareholders.

The President, Mr. C. H. Carlisle, was in the Chair.

BANK'S YEAR REVIEWED BY THE GENERAL MANAGER, ROBERT RAE

Mr. Rae said he was gratified to report another year of steady progress. The profits for the year were \$225,000, an increase of \$11,000 from a year ago.

After paying the dividends, \$500,000, making a contribution of \$110,000 to the Officers' Pension Fund, writing \$150,000 of Bank Premises, providing \$334,508.29 for Dominion Government taxation, the balance at credit of Profit and Loss Account was increased by \$106,000 and now stands at \$1,071,000.

A reservation of \$412,000 has been made for additional taxes in respect of the fiscal year ended 30th October, 1943. This sum was arrived at after consultation with officials of the Department of Finance. Our Dominion taxes for 1943, including the provision of \$439,019.03 reported in last year's statement, accordingly, totalled \$851,019.03 for 1944, \$334,508.29. The refundable portion now stands at \$172,946.34.

Turning to the Balance Sheet, Notes of the Bank in Circulation were \$1,462,000, a decrease of \$618,000. Under the provisions of the new Bank Act, after 31st December, 1944, note liability will be reduced to 25% of capital.

Substantial Increase in Deposits  
Total Deposits amounted to \$247,839,000, an increase of \$50,121,000. Non-interest bearing deposits are up \$18,671,000, interest bearing deposits increased \$34,835,000. Dominion and Provincial Government deposits decreased by \$5,380,000.

Call Assets—\$48,200,000—equalled 19.01 per cent of public liabilities, and the readily realizable assets, including Government, Municipal and other Bonds, and Call and Short Loans, amounted to \$196,754,000, or 77.46 per cent of public liabilities, as compared with 74.58 per cent in 1943.

Investments total \$143,636,000, an increase of \$38,869,000, of which \$139,419,000 is in Dominion and Provincial Government securities, \$79,122,000 maturing within the next two years, and including Dominion of Canada Deposit Certificates of \$57,480,000 bearing interest at 3 1/4 of 1% per annum.

Commercial and Other Loans  
Call and Short Loans in Canada, \$1,325,000, representing advances against readily marketable securities, show an increase of \$203,000, while Call and Short Loans elsewhere in Canada, \$3,402,000, decreased \$1,033,000.

Commercial Loans increased by \$5,520,000 and now stand at \$65,759,000.

"Post-war conditions and the steps which should be taken to meet them," said Mr. Rae, "are the subject of many divergent views; of one thing we may be sure—the Canadian Banks are in a strong position and will do their part in solving the difficulties which will confront us. If our citizens are united in a strong resolve to meet these problems in a spirit of fair play and co-operation, we need not fear for the future of our country."

Mr. Rae pointed out that over six hundred members of the Staff were in the active services and mentioned with regret that fifty-two have made the supreme sacrifice, six have been reported missing and eight are prisoners of war.

MR. C. H. CARLISLE, PRESIDENT DISCUSSES THE NATION'S POST-WAR PROBLEMS

Mr. Carlisle referred to the seventh decennial revision of The Bank Act, and some of the proposals made and rejected. The principal revisions made to The Bank Act, he said, were as follows: The Bank Act, as revised, extended the Banks' charters for the usual period of ten years. The maximum legal rate of interest or discount was reduced from 7% to 6%. Section 88 of The Bank Act was amended to simplify its operations. The right of the chartered banks to re-issue notes after January 1st next was withdrawn. Bank shares were reduced from a par value of \$100.00 per share to a par value of \$10.00 per share. These were enacted with only six dis-

senting votes, by a parliament consisting of 245 members. He continued:

"The Inner Reserves proved to be the most contentious subject. The long experience of the chartered banks has proven the necessity of such reserves and the wisdom of the methods of their operations. During acute or long depressions these reserves must be adequate if banks are to remain solvent. The Inner Reserves are set up out of the banks' earnings, and are subject to taxation before being distributed to shareholders. Also, the money thus reserved remains active in the banks' business."

Canada's Post-War Problems  
"Post-war problems," said Mr. Carlisle, "must be dealt with fairly, efficiently and with a high degree of permanency. Not only has our country been disorganized by war, but the major countries of the world have been disorganized and damaged to an unprecedented extent. Hatred has been established. Huge debts have been created that will require the maximum effort of several generations to liquidate. New philosophies have been presented—many of them the antithesis of the sound principles of democracy and good government."

"The major tasks will be adjustments between and among nations. State boundaries will be changed. Many of the new governments will be modified so that they may better fit into a more homogeneous, constructive and friendly society. Trade relations must be established on a more equitable basis than has yet existed. A monetary system must be created so as to enable the most possible commercial intercourse throughout the world. Reconstruction must take place in devastated territories, and aid must be given to those who have been left destitute by the war. This is a major work, which requires the best in statesmanship and unselfish effort of the many nations involved. Canada will be called upon to share proportionately in this responsibility."

"It is likely safe to state that from 1,000,000 to 1,500,000 of our men and women now in war employment or in the armed forces must be re-established. Gainful employment must be provided for all who require it. Ample hospitalization and nursing must be provided for the sick and the injured. Pensions must be established for dependents, and for those incapacitated. Some of these charges will be recurring for many years; the total will be a material sum. It would appear that even three years after the war we shall have an annual expenditure of \$2,500 million or over five times the taxes collected for the fiscal year ended March 31st, 1939."

Finding a Solution  
"Can we solve our present problems? I am quite sure that we can. We have abundant natural resources, many undeveloped; a healthy, intelligent, industrious, proud and free people second to none, who have built this great expansive territory into a great nation. If our people and industries are free from fear, free from unemployment, free from depression; that people will enjoy higher standards of living; that we shall have shorter working hours— which means less production at higher costs; that if we can finance war production we can finance peace production. There is little in common between war production and peace production. War production is highly specialized. Its turnover is rapid. The goods produced are for immediate consumption. There is practically no selling expense, no advertising. Financing is largely supplied by the government. To provide this production we have had to raise, through taxation and borrowing, billions of dollars, the repayment of which is an obligation not only of the present generation but of succeeding generations. Domestic production has not been operated along these lines—nor can it be. We are at a loss, as promises would be at a loss, to know how to proceed to implement them. If they are implemented even to a small degree, it must be done through greater economy, greater effort, greater expansion of our trade—both domestic and foreign, a lower cost of production, a lower cost of living and a willingness to receive a less wage, a lower profit."

We must have a radical revision of our present tax laws whereby duplication of taxes is eliminated; whereby the system is simplified; whereby taxes levied are not so excessive that they retard personal and corporate activity. It is obvious that only a

### Sqdn. Ldr. Nesbitt Home From India

Home on leave after five months in India, where he was attached to the construction engineering branch of the Canadian Air Liaison Mission, under Air Vice-Marshal L. F. Stevenson, Sqdn. Ldr. M. C. Nesbitt, R.C.A.F., is quite satisfied with the occasional rain and chill of Victoria's winter.

"I've seen India," he said cryptically, when asked for a comparison in climate.

He is enjoying a renewed acquaintance with his nine-months-old daughter, Sharon, who, with Mrs. Nesbitt, is living at Royal Oak.

In the course of his duties during the last five months, he has covered a wide portion of India by air, visiting Assam and Burma points.

Illness—he suffered from sand it.

flea fever—forced him to leave the mission, with which he flew to India from Canada, and he returned home via London, Eng., reaching Victoria last Friday.

Following his leave he will take up duties at No. 9 Construction Maintenance Unit, Vancouver, early in the new year.

Sqdn. Ldr. Nesbitt joined the R.C.A.F. here in 1942, leaving Dawson Wade & Co. with whom he worked as construction engineer, for the service. A graduate of U.B.C., he played on Varsity's McKechnie Cup rugby team during his scholastic career, following graduation from Victoria College.

Asphalt, the common paving material, is used also as a package waterproofing and sealing material, particularly for war supplies sent to humid climates; some say Moses' basket in the bulrushes was waterproofed with it.

Drawing for nearly 100 prizes, with turkeys the most eagerly sought awards, comprised the Kiwanis Christmas party luncheon at the Empress Hotel Tuesday. The committee in charge of the draw was Denis Hagar, A. McDermid and R. B. Hildebrand. The money raised will be used for Kiwanis charities. Charles N. Mullen was introduced to club members as a new member.

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## THE DOMINION BANK

Condensed Statement as at 31st October, 1944

ASSETS	
Cash on Hand and in Banks, including Bank of Canada.	\$ 48,290,005
Deposit with Minister of Finance	100,885
Government and Other Securities	143,636,199
Call Loans	4,727,560
Commercial Loans and Discounts	\$196,754,649
Bank Premises	67,123,259
Liabilities of Customers under Letters of Credit, Acceptances and Sundry Other Assets	4,884,640
	<b>\$275,341,417</b>
LIABILITIES	
Deposits	\$247,839,696
Deposits by other Banks	4,368,192
Notes in Circulation	1,462,767
Letters of Credit, Acceptances and Sundry Other Liabilities	6,599,037
	<b>\$260,269,692</b>
Capital, Reserve and Undivided Profits	15,071,725
	<b>\$275,341,417</b>

The General Manager, The Dominion Bank, Toronto, Ontario.

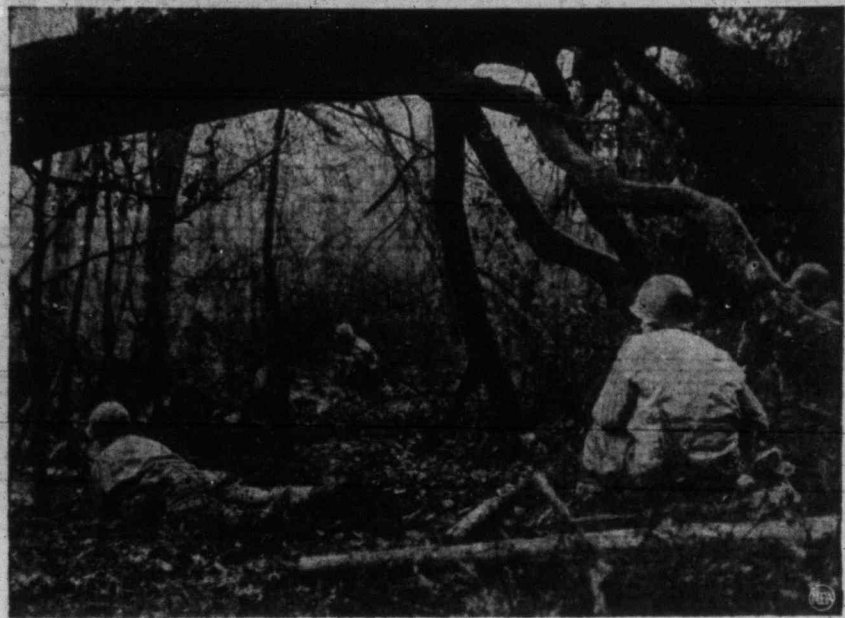
We report that we have examined the above condensed Balance Sheet as at October 31st, 1944, and compared it with the books at Head Office and with the certified returns from the Branches. We have examined the cash, and the securities representing the Bank's investments, held at Head Office and certain of the larger Branches as at October 31st, 1944, and in addition we examined the cash and the securities held at certain of the important Branches during the year. We have obtained all the information and explanations that we have required, and in our opinion the transactions of the Bank which have come under our notice have been within the powers of the Bank.

In our opinion the Balance Sheet discloses the true condition of the Bank and is as shown by the books of the Bank.

A. B. SHEPHERD, F.C.A., of Post, Marwick, Mitchell & Co. W. D. GLENDINNING, F.C.A., of Glendinning, Jarrett, Gray & Roberts.

Toronto, Ontario, November 20th, 1944.





With shells whistling overhead, these Allied troops move cautiously through battered woods in the Reich. It is terrain like this which makes going hard and costly in the invasion of Germany.

## Canadian for 7 Months In France To Aid Fliers Escape From Nazis

LONDON (CP)—Capt. Lucien Dumais, a former peacetime Montreal chauffeur, spent seven months in German-occupied France prior to the Allied invasion last June helping downed Allied airmen to escape, and then took over command of a band of Maquis fighting through the Brittany peninsula.

Dumais, who joined the Fusiliers Mont-Royal 14 years ago, also:

Escaped from German captivity after taking part in the Dieppe raid in 1942;

Led a horseback patrol on the Goubellat plains during the Tunisian campaign late in 1942 and early in 1943.

But Dumais, whose wife and two daughters live in Montreal, is anxious for more action.

The 39-year-old officer, now back in England, said Monday: "I've been here a week. If I stay around much longer they will give me a desk job."

In the costly Dieppe reconnaissance in force Aug. 19, 1942, he was a sergeant-major in charge of a mortar platoon. The platoon was captured, but Dumais and two comrades escaped by diving off a train taking them to Germany. The other two were recaptured, but Dumais got back to England and was awarded the Military Medal.

In Nov. 1943, he "arrived" in France and for nine months was one of many French-speaking Canadians in the secret machine for spiriting Allied fliers out of enemy territory back to Britain.

During the Tunisian campaign he was attached to the British 1st Army as a special observer. He organized a horseback patrol of Englishmen, most of them peace-time jockeys and grooms, which roamed enemy front-line positions around Medjes el Bab for five weeks.

In one action in Tunisia he killed two Germans for certain, and wounded another.

## Husband On Pension Ignorant Wife Hoarding \$35,000

HAMILTON, Ont. (CP)—About \$35,000 in bonds and cash have been accidentally discovered by police who visited an east end home to remove an elderly woman, whose husband has been living on a pension, to hospital.

Police reported the house was cold and cheerless, empty of food. The husband lived in dreary quarters in the basement while his wife lived upstairs. He came upstairs for the first time "in a long time" when his wife was removed, they said, and was just as astounded as police to discover in one room bonds hidden under a mattress, a considerable amount of cash in an old box under the flooring, and eight bank books with balance of more than \$2,000 in each. Trunks forced open produced further cash and bonds. Money was found hidden in almost every room.

Chief Constable Joseph R.

## Christmas Menus For Canadians Fighting in Holland

By DOUGLAS AMARON

WITH THE 1ST CANADIAN ARMY IN HOLLAND (CP)—All the good things to eat that are associated with this time of year will be on the Christmas menu for the 1st Canadian Army in Holland.

Each soldier is assured of four ounces of canned turkey, 3 1/2 of an ounce of mince meat, Christmas pudding, slab cake, one orange and Belgium-grown pears and apples, boiled sweets and chocolate bars, at least one bottle of beer, cigars, cigarettes and a certain amount of wine from captured stores.

These are specials for their Christmas dinner and to supplement them there will be fresh pork and a sufficient supply of turkey's "on the hoof" to provide each man in the 2nd Canadian Corps at least with an additional quarter pound provided distribution among all units is possible.

Christmas mail has been arriving in the country since early in November and a postal corps member, Maj. J. E. Dixon of Moncton, N.B., said it will have been distributed before the end of this week. Approximately 1,000,000 parcels and many times that number of letters have been delivered to the troops in the last five weeks.

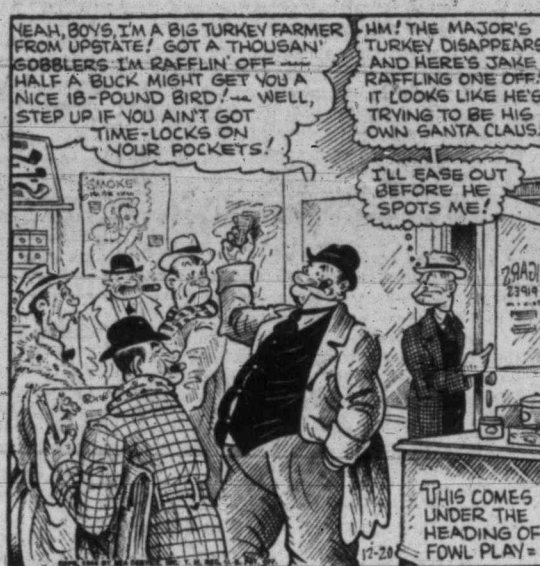
## Babies Die of Burns

ORCHARD, Idaho (AP)—Everett Ledford, 2, and his brother, Marshall, 1, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Ledford, burned to death when fire destroyed the family home today. Two other children and Mrs. Ledford were taken to a hospital suffering from burns.

Crocker, refusing to divulge the couple's name, said: "The husband knew absolutely nothing about the wealth possessed by his wife as she had kept her business affairs strictly private at all times." He added the bonds were all gilt-edged security, properly registered in her name.

The husband later told police he recalled his wife many years ago had fallen heir to certain legacies but had not disclosed particulars to him.

## Our Boarding House



## Out Our Way



## Right Around Home



## Wash Tubbs



## Uncle Ray

### BIRDS WIFE BEAKS ON BARK OF TREES AND MISTLETOE GROWS

A plant with white berries has been widely used at Christmas time, and to this day it finds a place in many homes. The plant is known as the mistletoe.

The mistletoe grows on the limbs and trunks of certain trees. There is an old idea that its favorite home is the oak tree, but that is not true. It is found only rarely on oak trees. Far more commonly it grows from the bark of apple trees, poplars, Maples and willows. Other trees which give food to this plant are the cypress, the juniper and the cedar.

There are, however, three American states where mistletoe is fairly common on oak trees. These states are Oregon, California and Arizona.



We may wonder how these plants happened to grow on trees. The answer is that birds plant them!

The birds, to be sure, know nothing of what they are doing. They like to eat the white berries of the mistletoe, and those berries contain small seeds, along with sticky juice. From time to time a bird wipes its beak on the bark of a tree, no doubt wanting to get rid of the juice which sticks to the outside of the beak. In such a case, seeds are likely to be left on the bark along with the juice.

As the days pass, the seeds send out tiny roots which cut through the bark. Slowly a mistletoe plant grows, forming a kind of bush with yellow-green leaves and forking branches.

The mistletoe gets its food from sunshine and air, and from the sap of the tree. It is a parasite, and will not take root in the ground.

Going far back in history, we find that the Norsemen of northern Europe and the Druids of the

## Today's Crossword Puzzle

British Isles looked on the mistletoe as having magic power. Legend tells us that the Druids used "golden sticks" to cut mistletoe plants from oak trees. Perhaps the fact that the plant seldom grew on oak trees made people suppose there was something special about it when found there. The legend goes on to say that the Druids gave small pieces of mistletoe to those who wanted to carry them around as charms.

The idea that there was something magical about mistletoe is believed to have led to the old custom of "kissing under the mistletoe" at Christmas time.

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## 3 New Alberta Judges

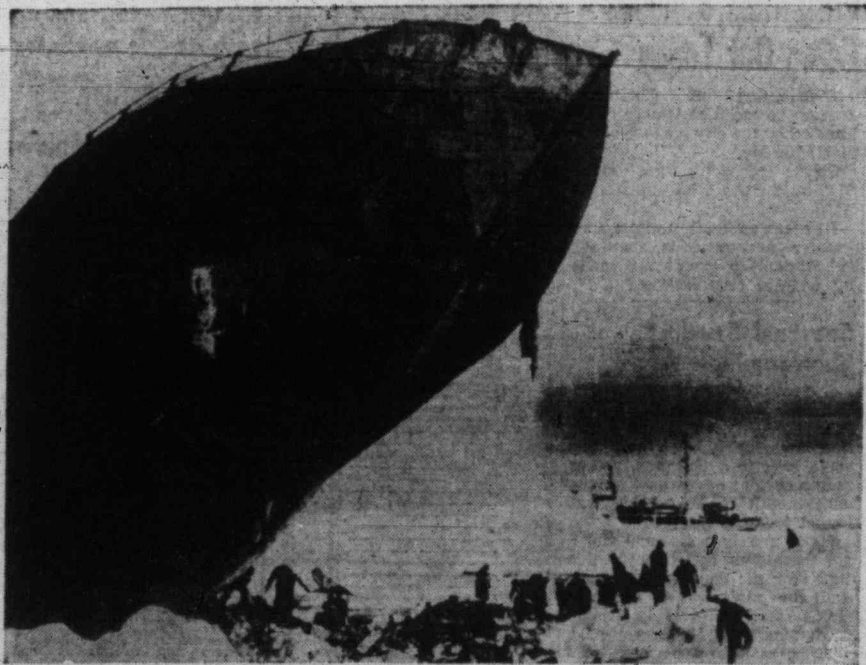
OTTAWA (CP)—Three appointments to the Alberta judiciary were announced here today.

They are:

H. H. Parley, K.C., Edmonton, to the trial division of the Supreme Court, succeeding the late Mr. Justice Tweedie, who had been appointed chief justice.

J. Boyd McBride, K.C., Edmonton, appointed to the northern judicial district, succeeding Judge J. J. Mahaffy, retired.

H. B. Fraser, K.C., Westlock, appointed to the northern judicial district, succeeding Judge A. U. G. Bury, retired.



SEIZE ARMED NAZI TRAWLERS—U.S. coastguardsmen are shown seizing an ice-bound German trawler near the North Pole, one of three which they captured along with 60 Nazis. Two German radio weather stations and huge piles of ammunition were also seized and destroyed. The coastguard combat cutter Northland is seen in the background.

## Mr. and Mrs.



## Boots and Her Buddies



## Freckles and His Friends



## Alley Oop



## Freak Traffic Law In Toronto Killed

TORONTO (CP)—Toronto's pedestrian traffic by-law died an unwept death Tuesday when the city council referred it to next year's civic works committee.

The freak law was in force for just five days, providing such things as a \$10 fine for pedestrians passing other pedestrians on the left instead of the right, preventing people from running for streetcars, and providing fines for children who do not keep their feet on the pedals while bicycling.

For the first time we've completely destroyed a target. After today Formosa should no longer be a target for the 20th—Maj. Gen. Curtis LeMay, 20th Air Force commander.

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